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FIRST

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE.

1899-1900.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE,

1899-1900.

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FIRST ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE,
To MARCH 31st, 1900.

To the Chairman and Members of the Hornsey District Council.

Sir and Gentlemen,

In presenting their First Annual Report, the Public Libraries Committee feel that it would not be out of place to give a brief resumé of the leading events in the history of the Public Library movement in this District.

History of the Movement.—The first step taken towards the adoption of the Acts was on June 24th, 1895, when Mr. Henry Burt moved in Council that the Public Libraries Act of 1892 be adopted. An Amendment was moved and carried that the consideration of the motion be postponed until the 7th of October. On that date, Mr. Burt withdrew his motion, and a motion was carried to refer to a Committee the consideration of the whole matter and the question of taking a Poll of the District.

This Committee consisted of the following Members of the Council :—Messrs. Cory-Wright, Burt, Crumpp, Gemmell, Jose, Langdon, Sloper, Treasure, Williams and Wilson, and on June 15th, 1896, they recommended the Council not to adopt the Acts. To this recommendation Mr. Burt moved an amendment that the report of the Committee be referred back, with a view to their arranging for an official Poll of the District. This amendment was carried by 11 votes to 9, and arrangements were made to take the Poll in October, and on November 2nd the result was made known as follows :—For the adoption 2,620, Against 1,283, Majority in favour 1,337.

Acting upon this result, and stimulated by the promises of gifts of books amounting to 6,000 volumes, which he had received, Mr. Burt on December 7th, again moved the adoption of the Acts by the Council, when his motion was carried by 15 votes for, to 7 against.

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The Council then appointed Messrs. Balfour, Borley, Burt, Faulds, Fleming, Homewood, Sloper and Treasure, and the Chairman of the Council to be the Public Libraries Committee, to carry out, subject to the approval of the Council, the duties imposed by the Public Libraries Acts, reporting from time to time to the Council, and keeping a separate account of income and expenditure.

Scheme.—The first duty of the Committee was the arranging of a scheme for efficiently providing the District with Libraries, and that which they agreed to aim at comprised a Central Library in Tottenham Lane, Hornsey, being the most central part of the District, and Branch Libraries at Stroud Green, Highgate and Muswell Hill.

Central Library.—Plans for the Central Library were prepared by Mr. E. J. Lovegrove, the Engineer and Surveyor to the Council, at an estimated cost of £7,000, and, after being adopted by the Council, the work of erection was entrusted to Messrs. Chessum and Sons, of Haggerston.

The building, which fronts on Tottenham Lane, is in red brick with Portland stone dressings. It is approached on the ground-floor by an open vestibule with Bostwick iron gates, on either side being slopes fitted for the advertisement sheets of the morning newspapers. The inner hall leads to a domed central hall, from which entrance is obtained to the Lending Library, an apartment 41 feet by 34 feet, containing eight standard bookcases and wall cases on two sides of the room, and capable of accommodating 25,000 volumes; the Reference Library, 76 feet by an average width of 18 feet, one end being divided off for the storage of books; and the Reading Room, 41 feet by 42 feet. The back portion of the building, including the libraries and Reading Room, is one storey in height and lighted with lantern lights. The front portion, over the vestibule and Reference Library bookstore, being carried up three storeys, the first and second providing a residence for the Chief Librarian, while the third forms a storage room in the roof. The basement is devoted to stores and the heating apparatus.

The whole of the furniture, including the bookcases, is in pitch pine, and was supplied by the Library Bureau, Limited.

Appointment of Librarian.—So that no time should be lost while the building was being erected, the Committee in June 1898,

invited applications for the post of Chief Librarian and Secretary, and, after interviewing eight out of ninety-five applicants, recommended the Council to appoint Mr. Thomas Johnston to the post. Mr. Johnston has had an experience of 16 years in the Public Libraries of Newcastle-on-Tyne and Croydon, the last three of which he spent as Chief Librarian of the Public Libraries of Croydon.

Purchase of Books.—The work of selecting and purchasing the books was then proceeded with, the books being stored at the Council's Offices at Highgate, until the new building was ready for them.

Delegation of Powers.—At the Annual Meeting of the Council, held on April 17th, 1899, the following Members of the Council were appointed to the Libraries Committee:—Messrs. Agnew, Ball, Borley, Burt, Cooke, Evans, Fox, Jose, Lawson, Sloper, Smith and White, and the Chairman of the Council (Mr. Cory-Wright) *ex-officio*, to be entrusted with the general management, regulation and control of the Public Libraries, subject to such limitation as may from time to time be made by the Council, the Committee to submit a report annually and at such other times when necessary.

The proceeds of the penny rate to be paid in to a separate account at the Council's Bankers, and cheques to be signed by three Members of the Libraries Committee and countersigned by the Clerk to the Committee."

The Committee appointed Mr. Henry Burt to be Chairman during the year.

Appointment of Staff.—As the Central Library was rapidly approaching completion, it became necessary to appoint the remainder of the Staff.

The Committee, therefore, appointed Mr. W. J. Harris to the post of Sub-Librarian, and three local boys as junior assistants at the Central Library. Mr. Harris has had 9 years' experience in the Public Libraries of Streatham, Brixton, Bournemouth and Cripplegate.

Opening Ceremony.—The opening ceremony of the Library took place on Saturday, October 21st, 1899, in a large marquee erected on the vacant land in the rear of the Library, and was attended by a large gathering of invited guests.

Mr. Cory-Wright, the Chairman of the Council presided, and in his opening remarks dwelt upon the Hornsey of 50 years ago, and the progress that had been made in the District during that period. He then called upon the Right Honourable Lord Halsbury, the Lord Chancellor, to declare the building open.

The Lord Chancellor in his address expatiated on the remarkable strides that had been made during the last half century in general knowledge in this country. He said there was a difficulty arising, not only from the absence of books, but from the absence of leisure to read books. If one considered the requirements of modern life, unless one had such an institution as this in which persons might come and fetch their books and read them at their own homes, great difficulty would be experienced by them in availing themselves of the opportunities that had been provided. There was one observation that he had to make, and that was that this power of reading, like everything else, required regulation. Everything that was written and read was not always profitable. Error is ignorance and not knowledge, and in these days we have a great many publications which may have their use—publications which are very often the most popular in places of this kind,—he meant fiction, and no one would deny that fiction played a very important and very useful part in literary education, but, if it was indulged in to the exclusion of everything else, he was not quite certain that the last state of the reader would not be worse than the first, because it was something to consider the quality, as well as the quantity, which is intellectually devoured. In concluding, he remarked that he was himself an enthusiastic devourer of books, and they had among them a most admirably selected Library, and by diligent application they might become wise men and women. That they would do so was his hearty wish, and, having expressed that wish, it only remained for him to say that he declared this Public Library open.

Mr. David Christie Murray, who followed his Lordship, also dwelt upon the importance of cultivating a taste for more solid reading. Although himself a professor of fiction, he never lost an opportunity of impressing upon the public that fiction should only be regarded as the sauce in the feast of literature.

The Rev. Prebendary Jeakes, Rector of Hornsey, proposed a vote of thanks to the Lord Chancellor, which was seconded by Mr. Bevan, the High Sheriff of Middlesex.

Other votes of thanks having been passed to Mr. Christie Murray and the Chairman, there were loud cries of "Burt," and Mr. Henry Burt stepped forward and was enthusiastically received by the audience. He remarked that, while the Lending Library would find its usefulness in the homes, the educational side—the Reference Library—was the branch which would give the most anxiety. The Committee were most anxious to make it of real value to students and a valuable adjunct to technical education. He hoped the Council would be induced to appropriate the land near the Library for the purpose of a Polytechnic.

The interesting proceedings then closed with the singing of the National Anthem, the large company afterwards making a tour of the Library and inspecting its contents.

Opening of Library for business.—On Monday, October 23rd, the whole of the departments were opened for public use, the Reading Room at 9 a.m., and the Lending and Reference Libraries at 10 a.m.

So many applications were made for borrowers' tickets that during the first three days no fewer than 1,280 were issued, and the number increased monthly until on 31st March there were 7,631 in force.

Stock.—The Lending Library is conducted on the "Safeguarded Open Access" system, whereby all ticket-holders have the privilege of choosing their books direct from the shelves. It contains a stock of 18,063 volumes, and is classified on the Brown Adjustable Classification, being divided into the following main classes: Science, 888 volumes; Useful Arts, 434; Fine and Recreative Arts, 615; Social Science, 437; Philosophy and Religion, 599; History and Travel, 1,352; Biography, 993; Languages and Literature, 404; Poetry and the Drama, 425; Prose Fiction, 5,906; Magazines and Miscellaneous Literature, 1,060. In addition to the above, there are 1,352 volumes placed in the Reference Library, making a total of 14,415 volumes in the Libraries.

These main classes are again sub-divided, so as to bring all books on any particular topic together in one place on the shelf, which is indicated by a small label bearing the name of the topic. Various

coloured and shaped tags distinguish shelf from shelf, thus preventing misplacements.

Prose Fiction, being the most used class, is arranged in alphabetical order of Authors' names in the bookcases round the walls, thus distributing the bulk of the readers over a large area and preventing crowding in one particular place.

1,650 volumes selected from the various classes of literature enumerated above, as suitable for young people, form a special section from which boys and girls between the ages of nine and fourteen are allowed to borrow. These books are placed in the two bookcases nearest the counter, so that the children may be under the control and guidance of the assistant stationed there.

It is gratifying to state that this system of issuing books works well, and that the public much appreciate the advantages which it gives them of thus selecting their books.

Issues.—The number of books issued during the five months that the Library has been open is 96,120 volumes, divided among the various classes as follows :—Science, 1,883 ; Useful Arts, 1,472 ; Fine and Recreative Arts, 2,331 ; Social Science, 547 ; Philosophy and Religion, 1,085 ; History and Travel, 3,958 ; Biography, 2,272 ; Languages and Literature, 576 ; Poetry and the Drama, 974 ; Prose Fiction, 59,792 ; Magazines and Miscellaneous Literature, 3,747 ; Juvenile Literature, 16,698 ; and Reference Works, 785 :—Total 96,120.

As the Lending Library was open for $124\frac{1}{2}$ days (Thursdays, when the Lending Library is closed at 1 p.m., being counted as a half day) and the Reference Library for 136 days, this total shows a daily average issue of 766 volumes ; the largest number issued on any one day was 1,407 on Saturday, March 24th, 1900, and the smallest 62 on Thursday morning, November 2nd, 1899.

Although not coming into the year under review, it may be mentioned that this largest number of 1,407 has since been exceeded, the number of books issued on Saturday, April 14th, 1900, being 1,651.

The Committee consider that the above record shows that the Libraries fill a want in the District, and are fully appreciated by the inhabitants.

So great was the demand for borrowers' tickets and books shortly after the opening, that the Staff were scarcely able to cope with it, and several Members of the Committee voluntarily assisted the Staff in issuing tickets and serving out books. As this rush showed no signs of diminishing as time went on, the Committee in November, 1899, resolved to appoint another trained assistant, and they selected for the appointment Mr. H. G. Sureties, who has had 6 years' experience in the Croydon Public Libraries, where the same system of issuing books is in operation.

Infectious Diseases.—Many persons having enquired as to books which may be in use in houses where infectious diseases exist, the Committee desire to point out that immediately upon the notification being received by the Medical Officer of Health, the books are at once secured and do not come into circulation again.

During the five months that the Libraries have been open, 28 volumes have been so secured by the Medical Officer of Health, and replaced with new copies by the Committee at a cost of £3 12s. 10d.

Donations.—A full list of Donors is appended to this report, but special mention may be made to Mr. Frank Lloyd, of the "Daily Chronicle," who presented 1,000 volumes; Mr. Cory-Wright, 1,000; Mr. Clement K. Shorter, of the "Sphere," 536, 464 being still due to us to make up his promised donation of 1,000 volumes; 600 volumes were selected and purchased by the Committee for Mr. Burt, at a cost of £89 0s. 4d., and 400 have still to be bought to complete the 1,000 volumes which he promised to give to the Libraries; and the sons of the late Mr. H. R. Williams, formerly Chairman of the Council, gave 1,000 volumes in memory of their father, which the Committee selected and purchased at a cost of £100.

202 volumes of Chronicles and Memorials have also been received from H.M. Stationery Office, 156 volumes from Mr. F. J. Butt, of Finsbury Park, and the Swedenborg Society and the Syndics of the University Press, Cambridge, have each made a grant of their publications to the extent of 58 volumes and 86 volumes respectively.

In addition to the above-mentioned donations, the Committee have the promise of Mr. Cory-Wright to provide 1,000 volumes towards the equipment of the Highgate Branch Library when ready.

The Committee take this opportunity of expressing their cordial thanks to those persons who have contributed gifts to the Libraries, and they hope that the same kindly feeling will continue, and that others, stimulated by their example, and with a desire to improve the Libraries, will render similar assistance.

The Committee make a special appeal for donations of books, prints, newspaper cuttings, or anything relating to the history or topography of Hornsey and its neighbourhood, as it is their desire to have a well-equipped Local section in their Reference Library.

Technical Books.—At the instance of Mr. Burt, who made the application, the Middlesex County Council resolved to make a grant of £300 to the Libraries Committee for the purpose of providing books on the Arts, on Science, and Text Books, subject to the lists being approved by the Technical Education Committee of the County Council.

Lists of suitable books have been prepared and submitted, and are now awaiting their approval.

Branch Libraries.—The Committee are pleased to be able to report that good progress is being made with the scheme of providing Branch Libraries in the District.

In March, 1898, Mr. Burt was successful in securing on behalf of the Council a site at the corner of Quernmore Road and Stapleton Hall Road, for the Branch Library at Stroud Green, at a cost of £800.

Plans were prepared by Mr. E. J. Lovegrove, the Engineer and Surveyor to the Council, for a building estimated to cost £4,000, and, after being adopted by the Council, the work of erection was entrusted to Messrs. Chessum and Sons, the builders of the Central Library.

The erection of the building was commenced in January, 1900, and is being rapidly pushed forward.

A site has been secured for the Branch Library at Highgate, on the Priory Estate on Shepherd's Hill, at a cost of £525. Plans for this Branch have also been prepared by Mr. Lovegrove, and adopted by the Council, and application has been made to the Local Government Board for their sanction to borrow the sum of £4,000, being the estimated cost of the building.

Mr. J. Edmondson, of Muswell Hill, has generously come forward and presented the Council with a site for a Branch Library, situated in a new street to be called Station Avenue which is to be opened out upon his estate at top of Muswell Hill.

A special vote of thanks was passed by the Council to Mr. Edmondson for his liberality in conveying this land free of cost to the District.

The Committee cannot close this report without expressing their deep sense of the great services rendered by Mr. Henry Burt in obtaining the benefit of a Public Library for Hornsey. Had it not been for his untiring energy, the inhabitants of this District would have had to wait many years for an Institution which has proved of so much value.

I am, Sir and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

THOS. JOHNSTON,

May, 1900.

Chief Librarian and Secretary to the Committee.

LIST OF DONORS.

	Vols.		Vols.
Brace, Mrs., Clapham ...	3	Grierson, R. A., Crouch End,	
Burt, Henry, Highgate ...	600	<i>Christian Endeavour</i> , as	
Butt, F. J., Finsbury Park	156	published.	
City and Guilds of London		Hargrave, C., Hornsey ...	1
Institute	1	Hunt, M., London	1
College of Preceptors, London	1	Keen, Mrs., Stroud Green ...	5
Cooke, W. W., Stroud, Green	2	Kerr, J., London	4
Cory-Wright, Cory F., J. P.,		King's College, London ...	1
D.L., Highgate	1000	Lloyd, Frank, London ...	1000
Dalziel, W. A., Finsbury Pk.	3	Marrison, Rev. T. R., Hornsey,	
Durham College of Medicine	1	<i>English Churchman</i> , as pub-	
Durham College of Science	1	lished.	
Durham University ...	1	Martin, J., Hornsey ...	8
Edwards, Miss M. Betham,		Mason, J., Harringay, <i>Cape</i>	
Hastings	4	<i>Times</i> , as received from	
Edwards, T., Hornsey, <i>Church</i>		South Africa.	
<i>Monthly</i> , as published.		Mathews, F. J., Crouch End	1
Evans, A. G., Harringay ..	7	Morgan, J., Hornsey ...	35
Giles, Dr. B. F., Hornsey ...	8	Mumby, Mrs., Stroud Green	6
Glasgow University ...	1	Partridge, S.W., Finsbury Pk.	3

	Vols.		Vols.
Pitman, Sir Isaac, Bath ...	5	Taylor, J. C., Hornsey ...	1
Potter, George, Highgate ...	1	Taylor, Sedley, London ...	1
Roberts & Co., Nottingham	20	Themas, Miss, Muswell Hill	1
Shadwell, A., London ...	1	Trinity College, London ...	1
Shorter, Clement K., London	536	Turner, Fred., Brentford ...	1
Sinton, J., Muswell Hill ...	3	University College, Liverpool	1
Stationery Office, H.M.,		University College, London	1
London	202	Williams, H. E. and Stanley,	
Swedenborg Society, London	58	Highgate	1000
Syndics of the University		Yorkshire College, Leeds ...	1
Press, Cambridge ...	86		

The following Newspapers are presented to the Reading Room regularly by their Proprietors or Publishers :—

Daily.—*Islington Gazette.*

Weekly.—*Amateur Photographer, Australian Trading World, British Architect, British Australian, Catholic Times, Christian, Christian World, Church Family Newspaper, Church Weekly, Civil Service Aspirant, Civil Service Weekly, Cycling, Cyclist, Electrician, Golfing, Hampstead and Highgate Express, Holloway & Hornsey Press (2 copies), Hornsey and Finsbury Park Journal (3 copies), Hornsey & Islington News, Joint Stock Companies' Journal, Labour Gazette, Local Government Journal, London Argus, Municipal Journal, The News, North London Echo, North London Mercury (4 copies), North Middlesex Chronicle, Presbyterian, Public Health Engineer, Railway News, Railway Review, Rural World, Surveyor, Temperance Chronicle, University Correspondent, Weekly Dispatch.*

Monthly.—*Cook's Excursionist, Educational Review, Educational Times, Humanity, London Crusader, London Temperance Times, Musical Herald, New Church Magazine, Nonconformist Musical Herald, Patents, Printers' Register, Sales and Wants Advertiser, Travel.*

Time Tables by the respective Railway Companies.—*Caledonian, Great Central, Great Eastern, Great Northern, Great Western, London and North Western, London and South Western, London, Brighton and South Coast, London, Chatham, Dover and South Eastern, Metropolitan, Midland, North British, North Eastern, Sandy's Insurance Railway Guide.*

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

For the Year ending March 31st, 1899.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
From Rate of 1d. in the £	Repayment of Loans and Interest	...	...	172 1 8
Donation	Charges and Stamp Duties on Loans	...	...	45 13 0
	Books	...	...	552 4 0
	Printing and Stationery	...	...	38 7 10
	Water	...	...	4 12 10
	Salaries—Librarian	...	...	105 0 0
	Surveyor's Temporary Assistants	...	...	150 0 0
	Establishment Charges	...	...	93 18 8
				Balance in Bank Carried Forward	...	...	£1,261 18 1
							542 16 10
							£1,704 14 11

For the Year ending March 31st, 1900.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward...	Repayment of Loans and Interest	...	...	484 1 10
Balance in Librarian's hands (Petty Cash)	Charges and Stamp Duties on Loans	...	...	13 1 0
From Rate of 1d. in the £	Books, New	...	...	1,044 14 9
Donations and Subscriptions	" Borrowers' Replacements	...	...	1 5 5
Fines and Penalties	" Committee's Replacements	...	...	3 12 10
Bespoken Books	Newspapers and Periodicals	...	...	26 2 3
Borrowers' Replacements	Printing and Stationery	...	...	82 17 5
Deposit	Fittings and Furniture	...	...	173 6 6
	Heating, Lighting, Insurance, etc.	...	...	91 0 7
	Cleaning	...	...	20 1 11
	Deposit Returned	...	...	0 10 0
	Salaries and Wages	...	...	391 7 4
	Establishment Charges	...	...	89 10 4
				Balance at Bankers	...	...	£2,421 12 2
				Balance in Librarian's Hands	...	...	212 17 7
							1 7 9
							2,635 17 6

PUBLIC LIBRARIES. Expenditure out of Capital Account to 31st March, 1900.

CENTRAL LIBRARY.		PAYMENTS.	
RECEIPTS.			
To Loan received from Public Works Loan Board ...	£ s. d. 7,000 0 0	By Chessum, J., & Son, on account Contract ...	£ s. d. 6,030 8 5
		" Salaries of Clerks of Works ...	248 17 0
		" Hornsey Gas Co., laying service to Library ...	2 10 6
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		Balance unexpended 31st March, 1900 ...	6,281 15 11
			718 4 1
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			£7,000 0 0
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FITTINGS FOR CENTRAL LIBRARY.			
To Loan from Public Works Loan Board ...	£ s. d. 560 0 0	By Library Bureau, on account Fittings ...	£ s. d. 545 18 9
		Balance unexpended 31st March, 1900 ...	14 1 3
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			£560 0 0
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SITE FOR STROUD GREEN BRANCH.			
To Loan from Public Works Loan Board ...	£ s. d. 643 0 0	By Purchase of Freehold Interest of Site ...	£ s. d. 433 5 0
" " " "	157 0 0	" Purchase of Leasehold Interest ...	340 17 3
		" Costs, <i>re ditto</i> ...	25 17 9
			<hr/>
			£800 0 0
			<hr/>
SITE FOR HIGHGATE BRANCH.			
To Loan from Public Works Loan Board ...	£ s. d. 525 0 0	By Purchase of Site ...	£ s. d. 500 0 0
		" Vendor's Solicitor's Costs ...	10 10 0
		" Purchaser's Solicitor's Costs ...	12 14 0
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		Balance unexpended 31st March, 1900 ...	523 4 0
			1 16 0
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			£525 0 0
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HORNSEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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ANNUAL REPORT

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1900-1901.

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SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE.

TO MARCH 30th, 1901.

To the Chairman and Members of the Hornsey District Council.

Sir and Gentlemen,

In presenting their Second Annual Report, the Committee have pleasure in recording the continued success, and appreciation by the public, of the Libraries already established in the District.

This report is interesting inasmuch as it shows the first complete year's working of the Central Library, during which time no less than 220,322 volumes were issued, while during the two months that the Branch Library at Stroud Green has been open 21,648 volumes have been issued, making a total for the year of 241,970 volumes.

Donations.—The Committee have again to report that they have received several donations of Books, Pictures, etc., to the Libraries, to the various Donors of which they tender their most cordial thanks.

A full list of Donors is appended to this report, but special mention may be made of the following:—Mr. T. Barratt, of Hampstead, a coloured print of the Old Highgate Archway with the Coach passing through, framed in gilt; Mr. E. J. Lovegrove, an enlarged photograph of the New Highgate Archway with the Old Archway in course of demolition; Mr. Frank Lloyd, of the "Daily Chronicle," has given two original Drawings by Hedley Fitton, of the Old and New Archways; and Mr. Henry Burt, two photographs of the Inaugural Ceremony of the Clock Tower, Crouch End. The Committee have still space on the walls of the Reading Room and Reference Library for more pictures, and will be pleased to receive further contributions. In addition to presenting the Parliamentary Debates as published, Mr. Henry Burt has generously presented 1,000 volumes at a cost of £125 towards the equipment of the Stroud Green Branch Library. The Stationery Office has made a further grant of 135 volumes of Chronicles and Memorials, and State Papers, the Clarendon Press of Oxford, of 45 volumes, and Mr. Clement K. Shorter has contributed a further 397 volumes, making a total of 993 towards his promised donation of a thousand volumes.

Central Library.—The stock of this Library on March 31st, 1900, was 14,415 volumes, and during the year 1,985 volumes have been added, making a total of 16,400 volumes in the Library on March 30th, 1901, a detailed classification of which will be found appended.

Reference Library.—As stated in the last report, the Committee received from the Middlesex County Council a sum of £300 for the purpose of providing Technical Books. Lists of suitable books were submitted to, and approved by, the Technical Education Committee of the County Council. Of this sum £225 has been expended, and the books purchased placed in the Reference Library, and bear a special book-plate designed for the Middlesex County Council. The balance of £75 is still to be expended upon books which can only be bought second-hand, and which the Committee are endeavouring to procure. A catalogue of the books in this department has been compiled, and is now in the hands of the printer, and will be issued shortly.

Borrowers' Tickets.—The number of tickets in force at the Central Library on March 30th, 1901, was 7,325, a decrease of 306 from the total of the corresponding date last year. This decrease is accounted for by the fact that out of 4,996 tickets which lapsed out of date on the expiry of one year, only 4,250 were renewed, but on the other hand, while 723 were cancelled through the holders leaving the District or ceasing to use the Library for other reasons, 1,162 have been issued to absolutely new borrowers. In addition to the above number 2,738 tickets have been issued at the Stroud Green Branch Library, making a total of 10,063 persons now holding tickets in the District.

Infectious Diseases.—During the year 264 notifications of infectious diseases have been received from the Medical Officer of Health. Ticket holders resided in 64 of these houses, and 70 volumes were handed to the Medical Officer in accordance with Rule 5, and were replaced by the Committee at a cost of £6 5s. 7d.

Assessment of the Central Library.—The Assessment Committee of the Edmonton Guardians having assessed the Central Library at an annual value of £209, the Librarian, by the instructions of the Libraries Committee, appeared before the Assessment Committee and appealed, when the amount was reduced to £50.

The Inland Revenue Commissioners also assessed the building at its full value, and they also, on appeal, reduced their assessment for Income Tax to £50, but continued to charge Inhabited House Duty upon the full value for the whole of the building.

Painting and Decorating.—The internal painting and decoration of the Library having been left over on the completion of the building in order that the walls might be thoroughly dry and seasoned, the work is now being carried out by the Council's own staff of workmen under the direction of Mr. E. J. Lovegrove, the Surveyor, at a cost of £150, for which the Committee have procured a loan.

Stroud Green Branch Library.—The erection of this Branch Library, entrusted to Messrs. Chessum and Sons, was commenced in January, 1900, and completed in January of this year.

The building, which stands at the corner of the Quernmore and Stapleton Hall Roads, near Harringay Station, is in red brick, the entrance being in the Stapleton Hall Road. In the porch are placed slopes for the advertisement sheets of the morning papers. The Lending Library is an apartment 25 ft. 6 in. long by 27 ft. wide, and has accommodation for 10,000 volumes, the entrance being immediately in front of the main entrance to the building. The system of issue is the same as at the Central Library—Safe-guarded Open Access. The Reading Room is 30 ft. by 26 ft., and is entered from the left of the vestibule, glazed screens giving complete oversight from the Lending Library counter. The greater portion of the building, comprising the Reading Room, Main Hall and Corridor is one storey in height, the Lending Library portion being carried up an additional storey so as to provide the residence of the Librarian-in-charge. The basement is devoted to Stores and the heating apparatus. The whole of the fittings and furniture, which is in pitch pine, were supplied by the Parkstone Steam Joinery Works.

The Committee appointed Mr. W. J. Harris, Sub-Librarian at the Central Library, to be Librarian-in-charge of this Branch, and the work of selecting, purchasing and stocking the books was proceeded with at the Central Library during the erection of the Branch.

Opening.—The Committee, in view of the fact that the accommodation at this Branch was limited, decided that there

should be no formal opening, but that the ratepayers of the Stroud Green, Finsbury Park and South Haringey Wards should be invited to view the building and its contents. Some 4,000 invitations, together with a pamphlet describing the Library and the method of obtaining a borrower's ticket, were sent out, one to each house in those Wards, and on Saturday, January 26th, 1901, some 2,500 persons availed themselves of the opportunity of inspecting the building. The Library and the Reading Room were opened for public use on the following Monday, the 28th of January.

Stock.—The stock of this Branch Library consists of 6,404 volumes, their arrangement and classification on the shelves being similar to that at the Central Library, and is detailed in the table appended to this report.

Issues.—The success which has attended the opening of this Branch is phenomenal, as is shown by the fact that during the two months the Library has been open, no fewer than 2,738 borrowers' tickets have been granted, and 21,648 volumes were issued, giving a daily average of 470 volumes.

Highgate Branch Library.—Further progress has been made with the scheme for providing Branch Libraries in the District by the acceptance of the tender of Mr. W. Wade, of St. Neots, for the erection of the building of this Branch. The work of erection was commenced on March 4th of this year, and hopes are entertained that the Library will be opened in the early part of next year.

Staff.—Various changes have taken place in the staff during the year. Mr. H. G. Sureties has been appointed Sub-Librarian at the Central Library, in succession to Mr. W. J. Harris, appointed to the Librarianship of the Stroud Green Branch Library, and Mr. J. Faraday, who has had 5½ years' experience in the Bournemouth Public Library, has been appointed to be Senior Assistant in succession to Mr. Sureties.

In addition to these changes, two new boys have been appointed at the Central Library in place of two transferred to Stroud Green, and two additional boys have been engaged for evening work only.

HENRY BURT,
Chairman.

TABLE 1, showing the Stock of the Libraries on March 30th, 1901.

	Central Lending.	Central Reference.	Stroud Green.	Total.
Science	870	337	378	1,585
Useful Arts	502	309	281	1,092
Recreative Arts	643	153	352	1,148
Social Science	495	178	280	953
Philosophy and Religion	636	50	259	945
History and Travel	1,580	596	1,090	3,266
Biography	1,249	106	772	2,127
Language and Literature	421	142	207	770
Poetry and Drama	435	14	304	753
Prose Fiction (including Juvenile Literature)	6,126	30	2,265	8,421
Magazines and Miscellaneous Literature	1,125	463	216	1,744
Totals	14,082	2,318	6,404	22,804

TABLE 2, showing Issues from the Libraries, April 1st, 1900, to
March 30th, 1901.

	Central Lending.	Central Reference.	Stroud Green*	Total.
Science	3,043	198	340	3,581
Useful Arts	2,324	221	342	2,887
Recreative Arts	3,791	96	655	4,542
Social Science	1,122	118	202	1,442
Philosophy and Religion	1,952	53	184	2,189
History and Travel	7,184	255	1,226	8,665
Biography	4,375	113	685	5,173
Language and Literature	1,276	206	129	1,611
Poetry and Drama	1,787	35	259	2,081
Prose Fiction	151,664	6	13,896	165,566
Magazines and Miscellaneous Literature	7,852	608	372	8,832
Juvenile	32,043	—	3,358	35,401
	218,413	1,909	21,648	241,970
Daily Average	788	7	470	1,265

* For two months only.

The largest number of books issued on one day during the year was on the Saturday after Good Friday, April 14th, 1900, when 1,651 volumes were issued from the Central Library. On the corresponding day this year, April 6th, 1901, 1,620 volumes were issued from the Central Library, and 960 from Stroud Green Branch Library, making a total of 2,580 for the one day.

LIST OF DONORS.

BOOKS.

Bible and Tract Society	1	Vol.	Lords Day Rest Association	Vol.
Burt, Henry Highgate	1,020	„		12 „
Butcher, N., Hornsey	96	„	Mallett, C. W., Hornsey	27 „
Clarendon Press, Oxford	45	„	Marcham, F., Muswell Hill	
Clay, Mrs., Middle Lane	21	„		17 „
College of Preceptors, Lon.	1	„	Marrison, Rev. T. R.,	
Hurry, Dr. J., Hornsey Rise			English Churchman as	
	2	„	published	
Cooke, J. Hunt, Crouch End			Queen's College, Belfast	1 „
	3	„	Messrs. Roberts and Co.,	
Durham College of Science	1	„	Nottingham	20 „
Elliott, Sir G.	1	„	Shorter, C. K.	397 „
Messrs. Gale and Polden	1	„	Stationery Office, H.M.	135 „
Glasgow University	1	„	Trinity College, London	1 „
Great Eastern Rly. Co.	3	„	University College, Lond.	2 „
How, F. J., Crouch Hill	4	„	Voysey, Rev. C.	11 „
			Yorkshire College	1 „

PICTURES.

Barratt, T., Hampstead. Coloured print of Old Highgate Archway, framed in Gilt.

Burt, Henry, 2 photos showing Inaugural Ceremony of Clock Tower.

Lloyd, Frank, 2 original Drawings by Hedley Fitton, of the Highgate Archways framed in Oak.

Lovegrove, E. J., Enlarged Photograph of the New Highgate Archway.

The following Newspapers are presented to the Reading Rooms regularly by their Proprietors or Publishers:—

DAILY.—Islington Gazette (2 copies).

WEEKLY.—Amateur Photographer, Australian Trading World (2 copies), Autocar, British Architect, British Australian, Catholic Times (2 copies), Christian, Christian Science Sentinel, Christian World, Church Family Newspaper, Church Weekly, Civil Service Aspirant (2 copies), Civil Service Weekly (2 copies), Cycling (2 copies), Cyclist, Electrician, Hampstead and Highgate Express (2 copies), Holloway and Hornsey Press (2 copies), Hornsey and Finsbury Park Journal (4 copies), Hornsey and Islington News, Lloyd's Weekly, Local Government Journal (2 copies), London Argus (2 copies), Municipal Journal, North London Echo (2 copies), North London Mercury (6 copies), North Middlesex Chronicle (2 copies), Presbyterian, Public Health Engineer (2 copies), Temperance Chronicle (2 copies), University Correspondent, Weekly Despatch (2 copies).

MONTHLIES.—All the World, Christian Science Journal, Cook's Excursionist (2 copies), Educational Review, Educational Times (2 copies), Humanity (2 copies), Labour Gazette, London Crusader, London Temperance Times, Musical Herald, New Church Magazine (2 copies), Nonconformist Musical Journal (2 copies), Patents (2 copies), Printers' Register, Sales and Wants Advertiser (2 copies), Travel (2 copies).

TIME TABLES by the respective Railway Companies:—Caledonian (2 copies), Great Central (2 copies), Great Eastern (2 copies), Great Northern (2 copies), Great Western (2 copies), London and North Western (2 copies), London and South Western (2 copies), London, Brighton and South Coast (2 copies), London Chatham and South Eastern (2 copies), Metropolitan, Midland (2 copies), North British, North Eastern (2 copies).

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ending 30th March, 1901.

RECEIPTS.

Balances—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
At Bankers	212	17	7	214	5	4
In Librarian's hands (Petty Cash)	1	7	9	1,949	6	5
From Rate of 1d. in the £	117	11	10			
Transfer from Loan Account, Furniture and Fittings (Central)	300	0	0			
Middlesex County Council (Technical Books)	36	15	0			
Donations and Voluntary Contributions						
CENTRAL LIBRARY.						
Commission on Insurance Premium	1	0	3			
Deposits	1	10	0			
Subscriptions	0	15	0			
Fines and Penalties	181	11	10 ³			
Borrowers' Replacements	4	4	8 ³			
Bespoken Books	0	11	8			
Sale of Papers and Waste Paper	1	16	4	191	9	10

STROUD GREEN.

Deposits	1	0	0			
Fines and Penalties	4	6	3			
Borrower's Replacement	0	1	6			
Bespoken Books	0	2	0			
Sale of Papers and Waste Paper	0	5	0	5	14	9

EXPENDITURE.

Establishment Charges	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Repayment of Loans and Interest				66	6	8
Charges and Stamp duties on Loans				108	12	0
Books, New	122	18	9			
" Borrowers' Replacements	3	8	7			
" Committee's Replacements	5	7	1			
" Technical	225	8	2			
Newspapers and Periodicals	54	8	5			
Binding	16	18	6			
Printing and Stationery	60	10	11			
Fittings and Furniture	33	16	1			
Heating, Lighting, Insurance, &c	138	19	9			
Cleaning	27	19	11			
Repairs to Building	41	5	1			
Deposits returned	1	0	0			
Salaries and Wages	473	16	6	1,205	18	0

STROUD GREEN.

Repayment of Loans and Interest	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Charges and Stamp Duties on Loans				49	13	7
Books, New	534	8	6	9	16	9
" Committee's Replacements	18	3				
Newspapers and Periodicals	4	13	9			
Printing and Stationery	66	12	11			
Fittings and Furniture	10	10	6			
Heating, Lighting, Insurance, &c	15	10	1			
Cleaning	14	13	1			
Deposit returned	10	0				
Salaries and Wages	88	1	8	735	18	9

HIGHGATE.

Repayments of Loans and Interest	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Advertising				25	16	3
Balance at Bankers	303	8	1	4	2	6
" in Librarian's hands (Petty Cash)	4	10	7	2,507	4	6
				307	18	8
				£2,815	3	2

HORNSEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE.

1901-2.

Chairman of the Committee.

HENRY BURT, J.P. (resigned December, 1901).

C. F. CORY-WRIGHT, J.P., D.L.
Chairman of the District Council.

J. W. W. AGNEW,

W. W. COOKE,

C. D. DIXEY
(appointed 10th February, 1902),

F. J. HOW,

P. H. JOSE,
(resigned 3rd March, 1902),

F. W. LAWSON,

E. W. SLOPER,

E. SMITH,

J. J. TOYNE,

E. UNDERWOOD,

E. WHITE

and

T. WILSON.

STAFF.

Chief Librarian and Secretary.

THOS. JOHNSTON

CENTRAL LIBRARY.

Sub-Librarian.

JOSEPH FARADAY.

Assistants.

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SYDNEY W. KITCHENER,

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HARRY L. BALL,
PERCY MALLET,
WALTER FOX.

Porter.

H. L. GARRITT.

STROUD GREEN BRANCH LIBRARY.

Librarian-in-charge.

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Assistants.

ARCHIBALD H. YATES.

SIDNEY KIRBY.

HIGHGATE BRANCH LIBRARY.

Librarian-in-charge.

HARRY G. SURETIES

Assistants

ALFRED H. NEWMAN.

EDWARD DODD.

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE.

To MARCH 31st, 1902.

To the Chairman and Members of the Hornsey Urban District Council.

Sir and Gentlemen,

The Public Libraries Committee have pleasure in submitting their Third Annual Report, containing a summary of the work accomplished by the Libraries already established in the District during the year ended March 31st, 1902.

The Committee re-elected Mr. Henry Burt, J.P., to be their Chairman during the year, but, unfortunately, owing to pressure of other duties, he was compelled to resign in December last. The Committee, while regretting his resignation, take this opportunity of publicly expressing their warm appreciation of the great services he has rendered to the Public Library movement in this District since its inception, and express the hope that, should he again find time to take up the work of the Council, he will once more identify himself with the work of the Libraries, whose welfare he has so much at heart.

To fill the vacancy on the Committee caused by Mr. Burt's retirement, the Council elected Mr. Charles D. Dixey. It was resolved to defer the appointment of a new Chairman until after the Annual Meeting of the Council.

The Committee also regret that, owing to continued ill-health, Mr. Percy H. Jose tendered his resignation. The vacancy thus caused has not yet been filled up.

Steady progress has been made in the work of the Libraries during the year. The total stock, including the books already purchased for the Highgate Branch Library, now numbers 30,134 volumes; and the total issue for the year was 299,765 volumes, as against 241,970 of last year. The number of Borrowers' tickets in force at the present time—8,849—shows a decrease of 1,214, and the daily average issue a decrease of 143 from the totals of March 31st last year, but these decreases are easily accounted for by the

fact that at that date a large number of Stroud Green residents held tickets entitling them to borrow books from both the Central and Stroud Green Libraries, and continued to borrow from both until the expiration of their Central Library tickets, which they did not renew.

It may be pointed out in this respect that residents in the District may hold a ticket for the Central Library as well as one for a Branch Library, which tickets may be used at either Library, the only condition being that they cannot be used to borrow two works of Fiction from one Library.

Donations.—The Committee have again to thank Messrs. Burt and Cory-Wright for their generosity in assisting to provide the stock of books necessary for the Highgate Branch Library.

Mr. Burt, in addition to presenting other works, gave a cheque for £125, with which the Committee purchased 1,016 volumes, and Mr. Cory-Wright presented 1,001 volumes at a cost of £82 17s. 3d.

Mr. H. E. Williams has given a copy of Lloyd's History of Highgate for use at the Highgate Branch Library, and an additional 100 volumes have been received from Mr. Clement K. Shorter during the year, thereby exceeding by 93 the 1,000 volumes which he promised on the establishment of the Libraries.

A full list of Donors is appended to this report, to all of whom the Committee tender their most cordial thanks.

The Committee think that there must be in the homes of many of the residents in the District books, pamphlets, etc., relating to Hornsey and its neighbourhood, upon which the owners set little value, and they would, therefore, appeal to such residents to present these books, etc., to the Public Library, where they would find a permanent home and prove of much value to the future historian. A Member of the Committee—Mr. E. White, of Highgate—has kindly undertaken to have any pictures relating to Highgate which may be presented suitably framed for the Branch Library in that district.

Infectious Diseases.—In April of last year, the Chief Librarian submitted a report to the Committee upon the replacing of books which have been taken by the Medical Officer of Health

from houses where cases of infectious disease have occurred, showing what the practice was in other places in regard to this matter. It appeared from the inquiries made that a great number of Councils bore the cost of replacing these books, thereby relieving their Libraries Committee of a serious drain upon their already limited income. The Committee are glad to place on record that the Council decided to pay the cost of all books that had been replaced from this cause, and to replace any that may be taken in future. During the past 12 months, 725 notifications of infectious disease have been received from the Medical Officer of Health. Borrowers from the Libraries resided in 177 of these houses, and 217 volumes have been handed to the Medical Officer, and, with the exception of 25, which are out of print, replaced by the Council.

CENTRAL LIBRARY.

Stock.—The additions to the stock of the Central Library have not been so numerous this year as the Committee could have wished, but this has been occasioned by the necessity of devoting the greater part of the money available for the purchase of books to acquiring the stock for the Highgate Branch Library. During the year 464 volumes have been added, which now makes a total of 16,864 volumes in the Central Library, a detailed classification of which will be found appended.

Issues.—The number of books issued from the Central Library during the year was 188,303, as against 220,322 of last year, a decrease of 22,019, which may be accounted for by the fact that a large number of persons who borrowed books from this Library now borrow from the Stroud Green Branch Library.

A good deal of extra work is given to the staff by the fact that a large number of borrowers do not return their books at the expiration of the time allowed for reading, as may be judged by the fact that no less than 17,888 fines were paid during last year, and 1,775 postal notices sent to borrowers who had detained books three weeks or more over the time allowed. The Committee have been reluctantly compelled to proceed against two borrowers in the County Court, and have recovered the cost of the two books lent to them. Since the opening of the Central Library 25 borrowers have left

the District with books in their possession, and their present addresses cannot be traced. 35 volumes have been lost or damaged, and have been replaced or paid for by the borrowers to whom they were lent.

Borrowers' Tickets.—The number of borrowers' tickets in force shows a decrease upon the figures of last year, the reason being that, as tickets held by Stroud Green residents lapsed out of date, they did not renew them at this Library. On March 31st last year, the number in force was 7,325. During the year 1,856 tickets have been issued to absolutely new borrowers, and 4,147 out of the 7,320 which lapsed out of date, renewed, while 616 have been cancelled through the holders leaving the District or ceasing to use the Library for other reasons. The number now in force is 5,390.

Binding.—The Central Library having now been in operation for a period of two-and-a-half years, the books are beginning to show signs of wear and tear. During the year 1,493 volumes have been re-bound by the binders, in addition to some thousands which have been repaired by the Library staff as part of their daily routine.

Reference Library.—As stated in the last report, a catalogue of the books in this department has been published, and 204 copies have been sold at the price of three-pence each.

The Committee had hoped that the publication of this catalogue would have led to a larger use being made of the Library, but this hope has not as yet been realised. Although a larger number of volumes has been issued than last year, the daily average remains the same.

STROUD GREEN BRANCH LIBRARY.

Stock.—The stock of this Branch Library now consists of 6,919 volumes, 515 volumes having been added during the year.

Issues.—The success which attended this Branch at its opening in January of last year has been well maintained during the past twelve months. 109,248 volumes have been issued, the daily average being 409 volumes. This average shows a decrease of 61 per day

upon that given in the last report, but it must be borne in mind that this 409 is for the whole twelve months, while the 470 of last year was for the busiest two months in the Library year.

9,714 fines have been paid, and 1,028 postal notices sent for over-due books. 5 borrowers have left the district with books in their possession, and 17 have replaced books lost or damaged.

Borrowers' Tickets.—The number of borrowers' tickets now in force is 3,183, an increase of 445 upon last year's total of 2,738. 1,970 tickets have been issued to new borrowers, and 1,465 renewed, while 2,712 have lapsed out of date, and 278 been cancelled, as their holders have left the District or ceased to use the Library for other reasons.

HIGHGATE BRANCH LIBRARY.

The erection of this Branch Library, entrusted to Mr. W. Wade, of St. Neot's, was commenced in March, 1901, and is almost completed.

The building, which stands in Shepherd's Hill, near Highgate Station, is in red brick, with oak framing and rough cast work, the general style being in keeping with the private houses being erected on the adjoining sites.

The rooms are similar in size to those at the Stroud Green Branch Library, the Lending Library being 27ft. by 27ft., and has accommodation for 10,000 volumes. The system of issue is to be the same as at the Central Library—Safeguarded Open Access—and an innovation at this Branch is the placing of low seats round the walls unoccupied by bookcases, so that the borrowers may choose their books with comfort.

The Reading Room is 30ft. by 25ft., lighted on the North and West sides, and is entered from the corridor immediately in front of the main entrance of the building. The Librarian's office is placed between these two rooms, so as to give complete oversight.

The front portion of the building is carried up two storeys, so as to provide the residence of the Librarian-in-charge.

The basement, which is about 34ft. by 14ft., is devoted to stores and the heating apparatus. The fittings and furniture, which are in pitch pine, were supplied by Messrs. Smith Bros., of Regent's Park.

The Committee have appointed Mr. H. G. Sureties, Sub-Librarian at the Central Library, to be the Librarian-in-charge, with two assistants, and the work of selecting, purchasing, stocking and preparing the books for circulation is now being proceeded with at the Central Library in readiness for transference on the completion of the building.

Opening.—The Committee hope that the building will be completed so that the opening may take place some time during the month of June, and, as the accommodation is limited, they have decided to follow the plan adopted at the opening of the Stroud Green Branch, and invite the ratepayers of the Wards to be served by this Branch to inspect the building and its contents on a given Saturday, the rooms being opened for public use on the following Monday.

Stock.—6,351 volumes have been purchased towards the stock of this Branch Library, and their arrangement on the shelves will be similar to that at the Central and Stroud Green Libraries—detailed in the table appended to this report.

LIBRARY ASSISTANTS' ASSOCIATION.

The Library Assistants' Association, at the invitation of the Chief Librarian, and with the permission of the Committee, held their Monthly Meeting in the Central Reference Library on May 8th, 1901, when a most interesting paper on "Fiction in Public Libraries and its Readers," written by Mr. J. Wilson Brown, of the Cardiff Public Libraries, was read, and evoked a spirited discussion.

STAFF.

Mr. J. Faraday has been appointed Sub-Librarian at the Central Library in succession to Mr. H. G. Sureties, appointed to the Librarianship of the Highgate Branch Library, the duties of the Senior Assistantship thus vacated being divided between the two senior of the junior assistants, and the staff strengthened by the addition of three more juniors.

EDWARD WHITE,
Chairman.

29th April, 1902.

TABLE 1, showing the Stock of the Libraries on March 31st, 1902.

	Central Lending.	Central Reference.	Stroud Green	Highgate.	Total.
Science	874	338	378	493	2,083
Useful Arts	511	311	283	271	1,376
Fine and Recreative Arts	646	162	354	344	1,506
Social Science	502	194	288	251	1,235
Philosophy and Religion	670	65	265	262	1,262
History and Travel ...	1,640	651	1,104	858	4,253
Biography	1,290	106	773	720	2,889
Language and Literature	425	148	208	204	985
Poetry and the Drama ...	443	15	305	260	1,023
Prose Fiction (including Juvenile Literature)	6,285	30	2,742	2,545	11,602
Magazines and Miscellane- ous Literature ...	1,131	427	219	143	1,920
	<u>14,417</u>	<u>2,447</u>	<u>6,919</u>	<u>6,351</u>	<u>30,134</u>

TABLE 2, showing the Issues from the Libraries from April 1st, 1901, to March 31st, 1902.

	Central Lending	Central Reference	Stroud Green.	Total
Science	2,693	214	1,435	4,342
Useful Arts	2,119	221	1,179	3,519
Fine and Recreative Arts	3,508	139	2,206	5,853
Social Science	1,216	153	801	2,170
Philosophy and Religion	1,689	44	920	2,653
History and Travel ...	6,469	237	4,220	10,926
Biography	3,525	190	2,297	6,012
Language and Literature	1,305	331	572	2,208
Poetry and the Drama...	1,503	29	1,145	2,677
Prose Fiction	135,186	14	77,634	212,834
Magazines and Miscel- laneous Literature	5,918	642	1,533	8,093
Juvenile Literature ...	23,172	—	15,306	38,478
	<u>188,303</u>	<u>2,214</u>	<u>109,248</u>	<u>299,765</u>
Daily Average ...	706	7	409	1,122

LIST OF DONORS.

	Vols.		Vols.
Adamson, A. Collis, Highgate	1	Great Eastern Railway Co.	3
Anonymous	7	Greenwood, Dr., Crouch End	10
Bell, G., and Sons, London	2	Groser, W. H., Crouch End	45
Burt, Henry, J.P., Highgate, cheque for £125 and	14	King's College, London ...	1
Clay, Mrs., Hornsey ...	18	Kirby, Mrs., Hornsey ...	80
Corporation of the City of London	1	Liebbrand, Dr. C., Crouch End	1
Cory-Wright, C. F., J.P., D.L., Highgate, cheque for £82 17s. 3d.		London University ...	1
Cue, T. E., Stroud Green	1	Marrison, T. R., Hornsey, "English Churchman," as published	
Dalziel, W. A., Stroud Green	1	Mason, Miss, Stroud Green	21
Day, J. B., Harringay ...	2	Mond, Mrs. Frida, London	4
Durham College of Medicine	1	Peace Union, London ...	2
Durham College of Science	1	Queen's College, Belfast ...	1
Gale and Polden, London	1	Shorter, C. K., London ...	100
Galton, F. W., Hornsey ...	1	Shroeder, J., Stroud Green	3
Gould, G. C., London ...	1	Southwell and Co., London	1
		Taylor, W., Stroud Green	50
		University College, London	1
		Yorkshire College, Leeds	1

PICTURES.

Clark, R., Stroud Green, Coloured Print of North London.

Haywood, Howard, Crouch End, Souvenir Photograph of the Australian Commonwealth and the Royal Visit to Australia.

The following Newspapers are presented to the Reading Rooms regularly by their respective Proprietors or Publishers:—

DAILY.—Islington Gazette (2 copies).

WEEKLIES.—Australian Trading World (2 copies), Autocar, British Architect, British Australian (2 copies), Catholic Times (2 copies), Christian, Christian Budget, Christian Science Sentinel, Christian World, Church Family Newspaper, Church Weekly, Civil Service Aspirant (2 copies), Civil Service Weekly (2 copies), Cycling (2 copies), Cyclist, Electrician, Electrical Investments, Hampstead

and Highgate Express (2 copies), Holloway and Hornsey Press (2 copies), Hornsey and Finsbury Park Journal (5 copies), Hornsey and Islington News, Local Government Journal, London Argus (2 copies), Municipal Journal, North London Mercury (7 copies), North Middlesex Chronicle (2 copies), North Middlesex Standard, Presbyterian, Public Health Engineer (2 copies), Railway News, Railway Review (2 copies), Surveyor (2 copies), Temperance Chronicle (2 copies), University Correspondent (2 copies), Vanity Fair (2 copies), Weekly Dispatch (2 copies).

MONTHLIES.—All the World, Christian Science Journal, Cook's Excursionist (2 copies), Educational Review, Educational Times (2 copies), Humanity (2 copies), Labour Gazette, London Crusader, London, Seaside and Country (2 copies), London Temperance Times (2 copies), Motor Cycling (2 copies), Musical Herald, New Church Magazine (2 copies), Nonconformist Musical Journal (2 copies), Printer's Register, Sales and Wants Advertiser (2 copies), Travel (2 copies).

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HORNSEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

FOURTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

COMMITTEE.

1902-3.

HORNSEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE.

1902-3.

Chairman of the Committee.

EDWARD WHITE.

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FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE.

To MARCH 31st, 1903.

To the Chairman and Members of the Hornsey Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

The Public Libraries Committee have pleasure in submitting their Fourth Annual Report dealing with the work accomplished by the Libraries during the year ended March 31st, 1903, the principle feature of which was the opening of the Branch Library at Highgate.

The Committee elected Mr. Edward White to be their Chairman during the year, and the vacancies caused by the retirement from the Committee of Messrs. P. H. Jose, F. W. Lawson and Tom Wilson were filled by the election by the Council of Messrs. W. J. Fox, A. C. Melliush and D. E. Owen.

The Committee regret that a large proportion of the money available for the purchase of new books out of their limited income from the 1d. rate had to be utilised in the purchase of the stock for the Highgate Branch Library, and consequently the additions to the stocks of the Central and Stroud Green Libraries have been very small during the year. The total stock of the three Libraries now amounts to 30,674 volumes, an increase of only 540 over last year's total.

Notwithstanding this small increase in the number of new books, the issues have been well maintained, the total for the year being 335,954 volumes, against 299,765 of last year, showing a daily average issue of 1,282 volumes. The number of Borrowers' tickets in force also shows an increase, the total now being 11,072 as against last year's total of 8,849. It is interesting to note that one in every seven of the Inhabitants of Hornsey at present hold tickets entitling them to borrow books from the Libraries.

Non-Resident Subscribers.—As the Stroud Green and Highgate Branch Libraries are situated near the borders of districts

where the Public Libraries Acts are not in operation, the Committee desire to draw attention to the fact that by Section 11 of the Public Libraries Act of 1892 they can lend books to persons who reside outside the District of Hornsey, and who pay an annual subscription of seven shillings and sixpence. Ten persons have already taken advantage of this Rule, but the Committee are of opinion that, if it were wider known, a greater number would avail themselves of the privilege.

Donations.—The Committee are pleased to record the acquisition of some prints of local interest which Mr. W. W. Cooke purchased and presented to the Libraries. The Chairman is having these framed at his own expense, and it is intended to place them upon the walls of the Central and Highgate Libraries.

Other framed prints illustrating items of local and general interest have been lent from time to time during the year by Mr. George Potter, of Highgate, for exhibition at the Highgate Branch Library.

A full list of Donors of books and periodicals is appended to this report, to all of whom the Committee tender their most cordial thanks.

Infectious Disease.—During the year 470 notifications of infectious disease were received from the Medical Officer of Health. Borrowers from the Libraries resided in 114 of these houses, and 142 volumes were handed over to the Sanitary Authority and replaced with new copies by the Council.

Assessment of the Libraries.—The Committee are glad to report that on the appeal of Mr. Barrow Fish, the Accountant to the Council, the Inland Revenue Commissioners have reduced the assessment of the Central Library for Inhabited House Duty from £250 to £100 per annum, and the Stroud Green and Highgate Branch Libraries from £120 to £50 each.

CENTRAL LIBRARY.

Stock.—The additions to the stock of the Central Library have again suffered through the establishment of a Branch Library. During the year only 196 volumes have been added, the total

number of volumes now being 17,060, a detailed classification of which will be found appended.

Issues.—It is gratifying to report that the issues from the Reference Department have almost doubled during the past year, but there has been a slight decrease in the number of books issued from the Lending Department, due, no doubt, to the scarcity of new books, and to the opening of the Highgate Branch Library. The number issued amounted to 180,064 volumes, showing a daily average of 666.

During the year 15,510 fines, amounting to £119 1s. 2d., have been paid, and 1,415 postal notices sent to Borrowers who had detained books beyond the time allowed for reading. This is a reduction of 2,378 and 360 respectively from the figures of last year, and shows that Borrowers have been more prompt in returning their books. 31 volumes have been lost or damaged and have been replaced or paid for by the Borrowers.

Borrowers' Tickets.—The number of Borrowers' tickets in force on March 31st was 5,014, as against 5,390 of last year. 2,075 absolutely new Borrowers have been enrolled, and 3,397 out of 5,383 whose tickets lapsed out of date during the year have renewed them, while 465 tickets have been cancelled through their holders leaving the District or ceasing to use the Library for other causes.

STROUD GREEN BRANCH LIBRARY.

Stock.—The total of this Branch Library now numbers 7,068 volumes, an addition of 149 to the total of last year.

Issues.—There is also a decrease in the number of volumes issued from this Branch, the number issued during the year being 96,209, as against 109,248 of last year.

This Branch has now been open for over two years, and over 1,000 of the more popular books have had to be withdrawn from the shelves for re-binding, thereby diminishing the stock of books available for selection, which no doubt accounts for the decrease in the number issued.

9,188 fines, amounting to £70 13s. 11d., have been paid, and 978 postal notices sent for overdue books, this also being a reduction

from last year, while 14 lost or damaged books have been replaced or paid for.

Borrowers' Tickets.—3,013 Borrowers' tickets are now in force, a decrease of 170 from last year's total. 1,137 have been issued to new Borrowers, 1,953 of the out-of-dates renewed, while 207 have been cancelled for various reasons.

Electric Light.—The Committee have resolved to install the Electric Light in this Branch Library when the Library is closed in April for painting and decorating, which was left over on the completion of the building in order that the walls should be thoroughly dry and seasoned. The whole work of installing the light and decoration will be carried out by the Council's own staff of workmen under the supervision of Mr. E. J. Lovegrove, the Surveyor.

HIGHGATE BRANCH LIBRARY.

Opening.—This Branch Library was opened for public use on Monday, June 16th, 1902. The Committee adopted the same plan as followed at the opening of the Stroud Green Branch Library, and issued nearly 4,000 invitations, accompanied by a circular of information, to the Ratepayers of the Highgate, Muswell Hill and Crouch End wards, and on Saturday, June 14th, over 2,200 persons availed themselves of the opportunity to inspect the building and its contents.

Stock.—The stock of this Branch Library now numbers 6,546 volumes, a detailed classification of which is appended.

Issues.—There was not the excessive rush at the opening of this Branch that was experienced at the opening of the Central and Stroud Green Libraries, but the number of Borrowers' tickets and books issued have been gradually increased week by week until the present totals have been reached. The number of tickets in force on March 31st was 3,045, and 59,681 volumes were issued during the nine months, a daily average of 280.

4,015 fines, amounting to £29 19s. 4d., have been paid, and 306 overdue notices sent, while 10 volumes have been lost or damaged and replaced or paid for by the Borrowers.

MUSWELL HILL BRANCH LIBRARY.

As the Council are aware, Mr. J. Edmondson, in 1899, generously presented the Council with a site in Duke's Avenue for a Branch Library for Muswell Hill, and the residents in that neighbourhood are now agitating for its establishment.

The Committee regret that, having regard to the limited income derived from the rate of 1d. in the £, they cannot see their way to build a Branch for that district at present.

The sum required for the repayment of, and interest on Loans for the present buildings amounts to £1,089 8s. 10d. per annum, practically one half of the product of the rate, and the balance is barely sufficient for the maintenance of the three existing Libraries.

EDWARD WHITE,
Chairman.

April 17th, 1903.

TABLE 1, showing the Stock of the Libraries on March 31st, 1903.

	Central Lending.	Central Reference.	Stroud Green.	Highgate.	Total.
Science	877	339	379	494	2,089
Useful Arts	514	315	283	275	1,387
Fine and Recreative Arts	650	162	355	366	1,533
Social Science	512	242	290	257	1,301
Philosophy and Religion	674	70	269	328	1,341
History and Travel ...	1,647	657	1,112	875	4,291
Biography	1,296	106	774	723	2,899
Language and Literature	444	168	214	212	1,038
Poetry and the Drama ...	445	15	310	248	1,018
Prose Fiction (including Juvenile Literature)	6,315	30	2,808	2,600	11,753
Magazines and Miscellane- ous Literature ...	1,138	444	242	141	1,965
Reference works at Branches	—	—	32	27	59
	<u>14,512</u>	<u>2,548</u>	<u>7,068</u>	<u>6,546</u>	<u>30,674</u>

TABLE 2, showing the Issues from the Libraries from April 1st, 1902, to March 31st, 1903.

	Central Lending.	Central Reference.	Stroud Green.	Highgate.	Total.
Science	3,082	528	1,253	849	5,712
Useful Arts	2,231	522	1,020	771	4,544
Fine and Recreative Arts	3,458	195	1,926	1,287	6,866
Social Science	1,050	222	704	399	2,375
Philosophy and Religion	1,653	192	887	475	3,207
History and Travel ...	5,855	549	3,296	2,102	11,802
Biography	3,296	200	1,873	1,803	7,172
Language and Literature	1,167	269	501	376	2,313
Poetry and the Drama ...	1,265	38	900	670	2,873
Prose Fiction	126,990	24	72,255	39,512	238,781
Magazines and Miscellane- ous Literature ...	4,804	1,398	1,438	698	8,338
Juvenile Literature ...	21,076	—	9,646	10,521	41,243
Reference works at Branches	—	—	510	218	728
	<u>175,927</u>	<u>4,137</u>	<u>96,209</u>	<u>59,681</u>	<u>335,954</u>
Daily Average ...	653	13	336	280	1,282

LIST OF DONORS.

	Vols.		Vols.
Adams, Mrs., Highgate ...	1	Marrison, F. R., Hornsey,	
Anonymous	20	“English Churchman,”	
Bell, Mrs., Stroud Green...	20	as published	
Benson, Messrs. J. W., Lon-		Mason, Miss, Stroud Green	10
don	3	Mattocks, M., Stroud Green	52
Browne, Mrs. E., London...	1	Measures, J. W., Stroud	
Browne, T. B., Ltd., Lon-		Green	1
don	1	Minns, E. A., Hornsey ...	3
Burgoyne, F. J., Brixton...	3	Oldaker, E., Stroud Green	2
City and Guilds of London		Paton and Co., London ...	1
Institute	1	Phillips, G. F., Stroud	
Collins, L., Highgate ...	2	Green	47
College of Preceptors, Lon-		Potter, George, Highgate ..	15
don	1	Queen's College, Belfast ...	1
Copenhurst, H., Hornsey...	6	Schroeder, J., Stroud Green	4
Durham College of Medi-		Sharp, C., Highgate ...	1
cine	1	Simpson, J., Crouch End...	1
Durham College of Science	1	Sinton, J., Muswell Hill ...	1
Graham, W. G. N., London	1	Stubbs and Co., London ...	1
Great Eastern Railway Co.	9	Swedenborg Society, Lon-	
Great Western Railway Co.	2	don	57
Greenwood, Dr., Crouch		Toyne, J. J., Highgate ...	9
End	4	Tracey, A., Crouch End ...	3
Hosie, John, Kendal ...	1	U.S.A. Bureau of Educa-	
Hurry, J. B., Reading ...	1	tion	12
Jollyman, A., Harringay...	2	University College, London	1
King's College, London ...	1	Vincent, W. T., Woolwich	1
Layton, C. and E., London	1	Wilson, B. C., Highgate ...	4
Liebbrand, Dr. C. H.,		Yorkshire College, Leeds...	1
Crouch End	1	Wyld, Mrs., Muswell Hill...	25
Marcham, F., Crouch End	40		

PICTURES.

Cooke, W. W., Stroud Green, Nine old Prints representing Highgate and Hampstead Churches; Parliament Hill Fields; Caen Wood, Hampstead Lane; Whittington Schools, Highgate; First,

Second and Third Parish Churches of Hornsey; View of Hornsey; and the Seat of the Duke of Chandos, Southgate.

White, Edward, Highgate, Frames for the above Pictures.

Potter, George, Highgate, has lent for exhibition at the Highgate Branch Library, Prints illustrating the Coronations of William IV. and Queen Adelaide; George IV. and Queen Victoria; Volcanic Disturbances; Stonehenge; the Bodleian Library; Highgate Archway and Archway Road.

The following Newspapers and Periodicals are presented to the Reading Rooms regularly by their respective Proprietors or Publishers:—

DAILY.—Daily Express, Islington Gazette (3 copies).

WEEKLIES.—Australian Trading World (3 copies), Autocar, British Architect, British Australian (3 copies), Catholic Fireside, Catholic Times (2 copies), Christian (3 copies), Christian Endeavour, Christian Science Sentinel, Christian World (2 copies), Church Family Newspaper, Church Weekly, Civil Service Aspirant, Civil Service Weekly (3 copies), Cycling (3 copies), Cyclist, Electrician, Electrical Investments, Hampstead and Highgate Express (4 copies), Highgate Times, Holloway and Hornsey Press (4 copies), Hornsey and Finsbury Park Journal (6 copies), Hornsey and Islington News (3 copies), Local Government Journal, London Argus (3 copies), Motor, Motor Cycling (2 copies), Municipal Journal (2 copies), North London Mercury (7 copies), North Middlesex Chronicle (3 copies), Railway News (3 copies), Railway Review (3 copies), Rural World, Social Gazette, Surveyor (3 copies), Temperance Chronicle (3 copies), Tobacco Weekly, Tottenham Free Press, University Correspondent (3 copies), Vanity Fair (3 copies), War Cry, Weekly Dispatch (3 copies), Young Soldier.

MONTHLIES.—All the World, Brown's Advertiser, Christian Science Journal, Cook's Excursionist (3 copies), Delineator (3 copies), Educational Times (3 copies), Humanitarian (2 copies), Humanity, Labour Gazette, London Crusader, London Temperance Times (3 copies), London, Seaside and Country (3 copies), Musical Herald (2 copies), New Church Magazine (3 copies), Nonconformist Musical Journal (2 copies), Patents (3 copies), Sales and Wants Advertiser (2 copies), Travel, Young Days.

TIME TABLES by the respective Railway Companies:—Caledonian (3 copies), Great Central (3 copies), Great Eastern (3 copies), Great Northern (3 copies), Great Western (3 copies), London and North Western (3 copies), London and South Western (3 copies), London Brighton and South Coast (3 copies), Metropolitan, Midland (3 copies), North British (2 copies), North Eastern (3 copies), South Eastern Chatham and Dover (3 copies).

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Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ended March 31st, 1903.

RECEIPTS.

Balances—	£	s.	d.
At Bankers	262	15	4
In Librarian's hands (Petty Cash)	0	19	8
From Rate of Id. in the £	263	15	0
Transfer from Loan Account	2,184	5	8
	22	19	6
CENTRAL LIBRARY.			
Deposits	2	10	0
Fines and Penalties	119	1	2
Catalogues	1	6	3
Borrowers' Replacements	3	15	7
Bespoken Books	0	8	2
Sale of Papers and Waste Paper	1	7	10
	128	9	0
STROUD GREEN.			
Deposits	1	0	0
Subscriptions	1	10	0
Fines and Penalties	70	13	11
Borrowers' Replacements	1	17	10
Bespoken Books	0	4	1
Sale of Papers and Waste Paper	2	16	10
	78	2	8
HIGHGATE.			
Subscriptions	2	5	0
Fines and Penalties	29	19	4
Borrowers' Replacements	0	1	5
Bespoken Books	0	1	7
Damages to Books	0	2	6
Sale of Papers and Waste Paper	2	4	3
	35	14	1

EXPENDITURE.

Establishment Charges	£	s.	d.
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CENTRAL LIBRARY.			
Repayments of Loans and Interest
Books, New	30	9	3
Newspapers and Periodicals	44	17	6
Printing and Stationery	10	12	11
Binding	30	14	3½
Heating, Lighting, Insurance, etc.	118	2	8
Repairs to Buildings	10	13	11
Cleaning	26	5	10
Deposits Returned	1	0	0
Salaries and Wages	528	17	2
	801	13	6½
STROUD GREEN.			
Repayments of Loans and Interest	...	...	...
Books, New	3	9	2
Newspapers and Periodicals	24	18	4
Printing and Stationery	1	0	9
Binding	12	1	1½
Heating, Lighting, Insurance, etc.	58	2	6
Repairs to Buildings	1	17	1
Cleaning	28	3	0
Deposits Returned	1	10	0
Salaries and Wages	165	17	6
	296	19	5½
HIGHGATE.			
Repayment of Loans and Interest	...	...	...
Stamp Duty on Agreement	325	16	5
Books, New	0	10	0
Newspapers and Periodicals	229	15	2
Printing and Stationery	17	13	2
Fittings and Furniture	18	0	9
Heating, Lighting, Insurance, etc.	3	4	0
Repairs to Buildings	33	13	0
Cleaning	0	6	0
Salaries and Wages	30	13	6
	127	4	0
	460	9	7

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 " in Librarian's hands (Petty Cash) ...

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BOROUGH OF HORNSEY.

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE.

1903-4

HORNSEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE.

27th April to 9th November, 1903

Chairman of the Committee.
EDWARD WHITE.

Sir C. F. CORY-WRIGHT, Bart., J.P., D.L.
(Chairman of the District Council).
J. W. W. AGNEW.
H. B. BRACKENBURY.
D. J. CHAMBERLIN.

W. W. COOKE.
J. R. FARQUHARSON.
F. E. GRAYSON, and
E. SMITH.

BOROUGH OF HORNSEY.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE.

9th November, 1903, to 9th November, 1904.

Chairman of the Committee.
Alderman J. W. W. AGNEW.

The MAYOR—Alderman F. W. LAWSON, J.P.

Alderman H. E. WILLIAMS.
(a) " J. H. WILSON.
(b) " B. D. MACKENZIE.
Councillor J. BLACKNEY.
" H. B. BRACKENBURY.
(b) " D. J. CHAMBERLIN.

(c) Councillor H. E. COOPER.
" J. A. CRAIG.
" T. HEWITT.
" S. SMITH, and
" E. WHITE.

(a) retired 14th March, 1904.

(b) appointed 14th March, 1904

(c) appointed 30th November, 1903.

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Borough Librarian.
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Assistants.

EDWARD DODD.

WILLIAM P. TOYNE.

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE.

To 31st MARCH, 1904.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Hornsey.

Sir and Gentlemen,

The Public Libraries Committee have pleasure in submitting their Fifth Annual Report. The period under review deals with the work accomplished by the Committee from 1st April to 9th November, 1903, under the late Urban District Council, and by the Committee appointed by the Town Council on 9th November, 1903, up to and including the 31st of March, 1904.

There have been various changes in the personnel of the Committee during the year. Mr. Edward White was Chairman of the Committee from 1st April to 9th November, 1903, and, on being appointed the Chairman of another Committee by the Town Council on that date, was succeeded by the present Chairman, Alderman J. W. W. Agnew.

In accordance with the new Standing Orders adopted by the Town Council, the separate Banking Account of the Committee has been closed and the balance transferred to the Borough Fund Account. In future all Accounts of the Public Libraries Committee will be paid by the Council on the recommendation of the Finance and Establishment Committee after being passed by the Public Libraries Committee, and the Accounts kept by the Borough Treasurer and Accountant instead of by the Borough Librarian as heretofore. The Borough Librarian still acts as Secretary to the Committee.

The total stock of the three Libraries now amounts to 31,139 volumes, an increase of 465 over the total of last year. This increase is not large, but the Committee hope to be able to spend more money upon the purchase of new books during the coming year, as the amount realised from the 1d. Rate will be greater.

The formation of the Urban District into a Borough provides that the Library Rate shall be levied with and as part of the Borough Rate, the assessment of which is larger than that of the General District Rate with which it has been levied hitherto. A 1d. in the £ on the General District Rate valuation produces £2,292 net, while on that of the Borough Rate it realizes £2,408 net.

The total number of books issued during the year was 340,840, an increase of 4,886 upon that of last year, but the daily average has decreased by 8, being 1,274 as against 1,282 of last year. The number of Borrowers' tickets in force is 10,027, which against last year's total of 11,072 shows a decrease of 1,045.

Donations.—The Committee have to tender their most cordial thanks to all the Donors of books and periodicals mentioned in the lists appended to this report.

Mr. George Potter, of Highgate, has again shown his interest in the Highgate Branch Library by lending for exhibition at that Library various Prints relating to Hornsey and its neighbourhood; the Shakespeare Centenary; Flying Machines; Dickens; Dante, and Stonehenge.

Infectious Diseases.—Borrowers from the Libraries resided in 57 of the houses where the existence of infectious disease was notified by the Medical Officer of Health, and 118 volumes have been handed over to the Sanitary Authority and replaced by new copies by the Council.

In April of last year, the Public Health and Hospital Committee called the attention of the Urban District Council to the fact that the regulations of the Public Libraries allowed residents outside the Hornsey District to borrow books on payment of a subscription, and recommended that some provision should be made so that the existence of any infectious disease in the residence of any of these Borrowers could be ascertained.

The Committee are pleased to record that they were able to make arrangements whereby the Medical Officers of Health in the adjoining Boroughs and Districts are supplied with a list of persons

residing in their Boroughs or Districts who borrow books from our Libraries, and they have expressed their willingness to notify the Borough Librarian should a case of infectious disease occur at any of the residences of these borrowers. There have been no notifications as yet.

Book-marks and Periodical Covers.—Alderman J. H. Wilson, on being elected to the Town Council, surrendered the contract he held for supplying Book-marks to the Libraries for distribution with the books issued, and the Committee resolved to issue their own Book-mark.

The Borough Librarian obtained sufficient advertisements from local tradesmen to not only cover the cost of printing the Book-marks, but to leave a profit to be applied to the benefit of the Libraries.

Similarly, the Periodical Covers in the various Reading Rooms requiring renewal, new covers were made, their cost also being covered by the amount realised by advertisements.

Periodical Literature.—The Committee have revised the list of Newspapers and Periodicals taken at the various Reading Rooms, with a view of increasing the Review and superior newspaper element, and reducing that of the Magazine and cheaper newspaper. Instead of purchasing three copies of certain of the cheaper Magazines as heretofore, one for each Library, only one copy is purchased, and that circulated round the three Libraries, being ten days at each place. This plan has been found to work very well, and the money so saved has been expended in the purchase of the better class of periodical such as the Monthly Review.

A complete list of all Newspapers and Periodicals taken at the three Libraries is appended to this Report.

National Home Reading Union.—In order to encourage the reading of the better class of literature, advantage has been taken of the work of the National Home Reading Union, the object of which is to promote the habit of studious and consecutive reading. The Magazines issued each month by the Union are placed on the tables in the Reading Rooms, and the lists of books recommended for reading may be seen by any reader on application.

Other efforts in this direction have been the compilation of Reading Lists on current topics of the day, and the placing of the books on these subjects on a special shelf where they are prominently brought before the notice of the Borrowers.

The Public Libraries and the Schools.—The Committee have considered the question of a closer relation between the Public Libraries and the Schools maintained by the Council, and have agreed with the Education Committee upon a scheme which was submitted to, and adopted by, the Council.

With a view of ascertaining the best method of putting this scheme into operation, the Borough Librarian visited all the Schools in the Borough and made enquiries as to the use made of the present Libraries in the Schools, the Public Libraries, and the class of reading indulged in by the scholars.

The report made by the Borough Librarian has been forwarded to the Education Committee, together with certain suggestions of the Libraries Committee, and these are now receiving the consideration of that Committee.

The Libraries Committee are hopeful that the outcome of this scheme will be that a larger use of the Libraries may be made by the Scholars, and that many will be induced to continue their reading at the Public Libraries after they have left the Schools.

CENTRAL LIBRARY.

Stock.—The total number of volumes in the stock of the Central Library is 17,395, an increase of 335 over that of last year. A detailed classification is given in Table 1 appended to this report.

Issues.—Although there has been a decrease in the number of books issued from the Lending Department, those issued from the Reference are still increasing. The number issued was 176,944, showing a daily average of 656. 1,172 volumes have been re-bound during the year.

There has been a decrease in the number of fines paid during the year for the detention of books beyond the 14 days allowed for reading. The number was 14,922, amounting to £116 12s. 1½d.,

and 1,524 postal notices were sent to Borrowers requesting the return of overdue books, an increase of 109 upon the number last year. 25 volumes have been lost or damaged and replaced or paid for by the Borrowers.

Borrowers' Tickets.—The number of Borrowers' tickets in force on 31st March, 1904, was 4,659, as against 5,014 of last year. 2,327 absolutely new Borrowers have been enrolled, the largest number in any one year since the year of opening, but this increase has been counterbalanced by the fact that of the 5,014 Borrowers of last year, only 2,749 renewed their tickets, and 417 tickets being cancelled through their holders leaving the Town or ceasing to use the Library for other reasons.

STROUD GREEN BRANCH LIBRARY.

Stock.—The additions to the stock of this Branch Library have been very small during the year, only 61 volumes being added, making a total number of 7,120 volumes now in stock.

Issues.—There has been a decrease of 8,406 in the number of volumes issued during the year, the total being 87,803 as against 96,209 of last year, a daily average of 334. This average is only two less than that of last year, and the apparent discrepancy between the decrease in the number of books issued and the comparatively small decrease in the daily average issue is accounted for by the fact that this Branch was closed from 20th to 25th April inclusive, for the installation of the Electric Light and for painting and decoration purposes, therefore the total number of books issued was devisable by a smaller number of days open than that of last year.

748 volumes have been re-bound during the year; 8,645 fines amounting to £61 2s. 5½d. paid for undue detention of books; 791 postal notices sent for overdue books; and 10 books have been lost or damaged by borrowers and replaced or paid for.

Borrowers' Tickets.—The number of Borrowers' tickets in force on 31st March, 1904, was 2,656, a reduction of 357 from last year. 1,345 have been issued to absolutely new Borrowers, 1,488 out of dates renewed, and 177 cancelled for various reasons,

Decoration and Electric Light.—In April of last year the Lending Department of this Branch was closed for one week, and the Reading Room for two weeks, for the purpose of installing the Electric Light and painting and decorating the interior and exterior of the building. The whole of the work was carried out by the Council's own Workmen, and the appearance, lighting and atmosphere of the Library has been greatly improved.

HIGHGATE BRANCH LIBRARY.

Stock.—The stock of the Highgate Branch Library now amounts to 6,615 volumes, an increase of 69 upon the total of last year.

Issues.—The issues at this Branch during the year have been well maintained, the total number issued for the twelve months being 76,093, as against 59,681 for nine months of last year, and a daily average of 284 against 280 of last year.

There has been a great increase in the number of fines paid for the detention of books beyond the time allowed, the number being 7,428, amounting to £63 8s. 1½d., while 540 postal notices have been sent, and 12 books lost or damaged and replaced or paid for by their Borrowers.

Borrowers' Tickets.—The number of Borrowers' tickets is now 2,712, a decrease of 333 from last year's total of 3,045, which is accounted for by the fact that only 1,644 Borrowers renewed their tickets on their falling out of date. On the other hand, 1,159 tickets have been issued to new Borrowers, and 91 cancelled for various reasons.

In conclusion, the Committee are of opinion that, considering the large proportion of their income from the 1d. Rate which has to be set aside for the repayment of, and interest on, Loans for the three Buildings, the Libraries are being maintained in as efficient a state as is possible with the small means at their disposal, a sum which many Library Authorities consider only sufficient to support one Library.

J. W. W. AGNEW,
Chairman.

TABLE 1, showing the Stock of the Libraries on 31st March, 1904.

	Central Lending.	Central Reference.	Stroud Green.	Highgate.	Total.
Science	887	342	380	497	2,106
Useful Arts	520	326	285	283	1,414
Fine and Recreative Arts	656	163	355	366	1,540
Social Science	521	267	290	259	1,337
Philosophy and Religion	688	71	268	328	1,355
History and Travel ...	1,695	664	1,112	877	4,348
Biography	1,316	112	779	727	2,934
Language and Literature	466	178	206	215	1,065
Poetry and the Drama ...	452	15	313	248	1,028
Prose Fiction (including Juvenile Literature)...	6,416	30	2,877	2,637	11,960
Magazines and Miscel- laneous Literature ...	1,142	468	237	141	1,988
Reference Works at Branches			27	37	64
	<u>14,759</u>	<u>2,636</u>	<u>7,129</u>	<u>6,615</u>	<u>31,139</u>

TABLE 2, showing the Issues from the Libraries from 1st April, 1903, to 31st March, 1904.

	Central Lending.	Central Reference.	Stroud Green.	Highgate.	Total.
Science	2,688	620	1,173	1,074	5,555
Useful Arts	2,153	407	890	879	4,329
Fine and Recreative Arts	3,006	315	1,572	1,490	6,383
Social Science	1,171	358	715	505	2,749
Philosophy and Religion	1,653	110	820	596	3,179
History and Travel ...	5,258	713	2,890	2,645	11,506
Biography	2,786	171	1,593	2,019	6,569
Language and Literature	1,052	1,079	463	515	3,109
Poetry and the Drama	1,354	47	728	927	3,056
Prose Fiction	126,733	43	66,241	52,937	245,954
Magazines and Miscel- laneous Literature ...	4,094	2,410	1,189	816	8,509
Juvenile Literature ...	18,723	—	8,468	10,725	37,916
Reference Works at Branches	—	—	1,061	965	2,026
	<u>170,671</u>	<u>6,273</u>	<u>87,803</u>	<u>76,093</u>	<u>340,840</u>
Daily average ...	636	20	334	284	1,274

LIST OF DONORS.

VOLS.	VOLS.
Addis, W. T., Hornsey ... 2	King's College, London ... 1
Baxter, D., Stemming Grange 2 and "Catholic Fireside" and "Catholic Times" as published.	Layton, C. and E., London 2
Bailey, Sir Wm. Sale ... 1	Library of Congress, U.S.A. 1
Board of Trade, London ... 1	Llôyd, E. and Co., London 1
Burt, H., Crouch End ... 6	London Directories Co. ... 2
Cassell and Co., London ... 1	London School of Economics 1
Chamberlin, Councillor D. J., Crouch End ... 1	London University College 1
College of Preceptors, Lon- don 1	Marcham, F., Crouch End 18
Corporation of London ... 1	Mongrean, A., Hornsey 9
Corporation of Yarmouth 1	Morrison, I. A., Harrin- gay 1
Craig, Councillor J. A., Stroud Green 4	North British Railway Co. 4
Doveton, F. B., London ... 1	Paton and Co., London ... 1
Durham College of Medi- cine 1	Phillips, G. F., Stroud Green 2
Giles, Dr. B. Faraday, Hornsey 14	Potter, G., Highgate ... 1
Glasgow University ... 1	Queen's College, Belfast ... 1
Groser, W. H., Crouch End 5	Rau, R.V.S., Madras ... 1
Hare, Dr. E. H., Crouch End 21	Rentall, S., Highgate ... 17
Head, B., London ... 1	Ross, Miss, Highgate ... 1
Hickson, Ward and Co., London 1	Royal Societies' Club, Lon- don 1
Higgins, Very Rev. G., Stroud Green, "Catholic Fireside" as published 1	Sime, Dr. D., Harringay 1
Jessett, G., Enfield ... 1	Sloper, Alderman E. W., Harringay, "Gentle- woman," "Lady's Field," "Madam," and "Queen," as published
Jones, J., Islington ... 40	Smith, W. A., Harringay 22
	South Eastern & Chatham Railway Co. 3
	University Correspondence College 1
	Yates, J. H., Hornsey ... 56
	Yorkshire College, Leeds ... 1

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PICTURES.

Potter, George, Highgate, has lent for exhibition at Highgate Branch Library, Prints relating to Hornsey and its neighbourhood; the Shakespeare Centenary, Flying Machines, Dickens, Dante, and Stonehenge.

Library Magazines or Reports have been received from the following Libraries:—

Aberdeen, Accrington, Acton, Ashton-under-Lyne, Barrow-in-Furness, Belfast, Birmingham, Blackburn, Blackpool, Bootle, Bournemouth, Brentford, Brighouse, Brighton, Bristol, Bromley, Cambridge, Cambridge University, Cardiff, Chiswick, Chorley, Clitheroe, Croydon, Derby, Dundee, Ealing, Folkestone, Gloucester, Gosport, Hanley, Hove, Kettering, Kimberley, Kingston-upon-Thames, Leeds, Leek, Leyton, Lincoln, London—Battersea, Bishopsgate, Finsbury, Fulham, Hammersmith, Kensal Rise, St. Bride's, Shoreditch, Stoke Newington, Wandsworth, Westminster, Willesden; Manchester, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Norwich, Perth, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Preston, Richmond, Rothwell, Salford, St. Helen's, Salem, Stockport, Tottenham, Twickenham, Tynemouth, Walthamstow, Watford, Wednesbury, West Ham, West Bromwich, Wigan, Wolverhampton, Worcester, Workington, Yarmouth and York.

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS.

The Newspapers, Periodicals and Time Tables marked * in the following lists are presented by their respective Proprietors, Publishers or others.

Abbreviations used:—C. Central; S. Stroud Green; H. Highgate; * Presented. † Magazines marked thus are placed at the Library specified until the 10th of each month, and then transferred to the other Libraries for 10 days each.

DAILY.

C. S. H.	Daily Chronicle.	C. S. H.	Evening Standard
C.* S. H.	Daily Express.	H.	Globe.
C. S. H.	Daily Graphic.	C.* S.* H.*	Islington Gazette.
S.	Daily Mail.	C.	Morning Leader.
C. S. H.	Daily News.	C.	Morning Post.
C. S. H.	Daily Standard.	C.	Pall Mall Gazette.
C. S. H.	Daily Telegraph.	C. S.	St. James' Gazette.
C. S. H.	Echo.	C. S. H.	Times.
C. H.	Evening News.	C. S. H.	Westminster Gazette.
C.* Parliamentary Debates (as published).			

WEEKLY.

C.	Academy.	C. S. H.	Illustrated London
C.* S.* H.*	Aspirant.		News.
C. S. H.	Athenæum.	C.* S.*	Islington News.
C.* S.* H.*	Australian Trading	S.*	Lady's Field.
	World.	C. S. H.	Lady's Pictorial.
S.*	Autocar.	C. S. H.	Literary World.
C.*	British Architect.	C.*	Local Government
C.* S.* H.*	British Australian.		Journal.
C.	Builder.	C.* S.* H.*	London Argus.
C.* S.*	Catholic Fireside.	S.*	Madam.
S.* H.*	Catholic Times.	H.*	Monitor.
C.* S.* H.*	Christian.	C.* S.* H.*	Motor.
C.*	Christian Endeavour	C.	Nature.
	Times.	C.*	North London Mer-
C.* S.*	Christian World.		cury.
C.*	Church Family News-	C.* S.* H.*	North Middlesex
	paper.		Chronicle.
C.* S.*	Civil Service Hints.	S.*	Presbyterian.
C.* S.* H.*	Civil Service Weekly.	C.* S.* H.*	Public Health En-
C.* S.* H.*	Cycling.		gineer.
C.*	Electrician.	C.	Public Opinion.
C.	Engineer.	C. S. H.	Punch.
C.	English Mechanic.	C. S. H.	Queen.
C. S. H.	Exchange and Mart.	C.* S.* H.*	Railway News.
(C. Monday, Wednesday, and		C.* S.* H.*	Railway Review.
Friday; S. H. Friday only).		H.*	Railway Times.
C.	Gardener's Chronicle.	C.	Saturday Review.
S.*	Gentlewoman.	C.	Speaker.
C. S. H.	Graphic.	C. S. H.	Spectator.
C.* S.* H.*	Hampstead & High-	C. S. H.	Sphere.
	gate Express.	C.* S.* H.*	Surveyor.
H.*	Highgate Times.	C.* S.* H.*	Temperance Chron-
C.*	H.* Holloway and Horn-		icle.
	sey Press.	C.	Truth.
C.* S.* H.*	Hornsey & Finsbury	C.* S.* H.*	Weekly Dispatch.
	Park Journal.	C. S. H.	Work.

FORTNIGHTLY.

C.*	Laundry Journal.	C.* S.* H.*	University Correspondent.
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MONTHLY.

C.*	H.* All the World.	C. S. H.	Contemporary Review.
C.	Art Journal.	C.* S.* H.*	Cook's Excursionist.
C.	Bookseller.	C.* S.* H.*	Delineator.
C.*	Brown's Advertiser.	H.*	Dress Review.
S.*	Cassell's Magazine.	C.* S.* H.*	Educational Times.
S.*	Chambers's Journal.		

MONTHLY (contd.)

C.*	Everyday Electricity.	C.* S.* H.*	New Church Magazine.
C. S. H.	Fortnightly Review.	C. S. H.	Nineteenth Century and after.
S.†	Harper's Magazine.	C.* S.*	Nonconformist Musical Journal.
C.*	Herald of Health.	C.†	Pall Mall Magazine.
C.* S.*	Herald of the Golden Age.	C.* S.* H.*	Patents.
C.* S.* H.*	Hornsey Town Council Minutes.	C.†	Pearson's Magazine.
C.*	Hornsey Parish Church Magazine.	C.*	Printer's Register.
C.* S.* H.*	Humanitarian.	C.†	Quiver.
C.	Journal of Education.	C.	Review of Reviews.
C.*	Labour Gazette.	C.*	Rural World.
H.†	Leisure Hour.	C.* S.*	St. Luke's Parish Church Magazine.
C.* S.* H.*	London Crusader.	C.* S.* H.*	Sales and Wants Advertiser.
C.* S.* H.*	London, Seaside and Country.	H.†	Scribner's Magazine.
C.* S.* H.*	London Temperance Times.	H.†	Strand Magazine.
H.†	Macmillan's Magazine.	C.*	Stroud Green Parish Church Magazine.
C. S. H.	Monthly Review.	C.†	Temple Bar.
C.*	H.* Musical Herald.	C.*	Toilers of the Deep.
C. S. H.	National Home Reading Union Magazine.	C.*	H.* Travel.
		S.†	Windsor Magazine.
		C.*	H.* Young Days.
		C.*	Y.M.C.A. Magazine.

QUARTERLY

H.*	Anti-Slavery Reporter.	C.	Edinburgh Review.
		C.	Quarterly Review.

TIME TABLES monthly or as published.

C. S. H.	A. B. C. Railway Guide.	C.* S.* H.*	London and South Western.
C. S. H.	Bradshaw's Railway Guide.	C.* S.* H.*	London, Brighton & South Coast.
C.* S.* H.*	Caledonian.	C.* S.* H.*	Midland.
C.*	H.* Glasgow and South Western.	C.* S.* H.*	North British.
C.* S.* H.*	Great Central.	C.* S.* H.*	North Eastern.
C.* S.* H.*	Great Eastern.	C.* S.* H.*	South Eastern, Chatham and Dover.
C.* S.* H.*	Great Northern.	C.*	L.C.C. Workmen's Trains and Trams.
C.* S.* H.*	Great Western.		
C.* S.* H.*	London and North Western.		

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ended 31st March, 1904.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Balance at Bankers'	39	10	4
" In Librarian's hands (Petty Cash)	0	8	3
From Rate of 1d. in the £	39	18	7
	2,204	8	4
CENTRAL LIBRARY.			
Deposits	1	10	0
Subscription	0	7	6
Fines and Penalties	116	12	1½
Catalogues	0	6	0
Borrowers' Replacements	2	3	7
Bespoken Books	0	5	10
Sale of Papers and Waste Paper	2	3	4½
Advertisements on Book Marks and Periodical Covers	38	12	6

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STROUD GREEN.

Deposits	2	0	0
Subscriptions	0	15	0
Fines and Penalties	61	2	5½
Borrowers' Replacements	1	2	1
Bespoken Books	0	3	7
Sale of Papers and Waste Paper	3	4	6
Advertisements on Book Marks and Periodical Covers	31	6	0

HIGHGATE.

Subscriptions	3	0	0
Fines and Penalties	63	8	1½
Borrowers' Replacements	1	10	3
Bespoken Books	0	2	6
Sale of Papers and Waste Paper	2	4	3
Advertisements on Book Marks and Periodical Covers	26	8	0

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EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Establishment Charges	15	15	4
CENTRAL LIBRARY.			
Repayments of Loans and Interest	52	8	5
Books, New	20	8	9
Newspapers and Periodicals	11	12	6
Printing and Stationery	9	6	0
Printing Book Marks	31	17	2½
Periodical Covers	122	17	8
Binding	1	8	10
Heating, Lighting, Insurance, etc.	0	16	3
Fittings	30	18	10
Repairs to Buildings	1	0	0
Cleaning	55	13	6
Deposits Returned	1	0	0
Salaries and Wages	850	13	3½

STROUD GREEN.

Repayments of Loans and Interest	6	13	6
Books, New	31	8	1
Newspapers and Periodicals	5	18	7
Printing and Stationery	13	15	0
Printing Book Marks	7	1	0
Periodical Covers	27	4	0½
Binding	61	4	9
Heating, Lighting, Insurance, etc.	28	0	0
Cleaning	1	10	0
Deposits Returned	169	12	6
Salaries and Wages	352	7	½

HIGHGATE.

Repayments of Loans and Interest	3	17	8
Books, New	30	16	2
Newspapers and Periodicals	3	19	2
Printing and Stationery	6	10	0
Printing Book Marks	7	1	0
Periodical Covers	64	15	8
Heating, Lighting, Insurance, etc.	28	15	1
Cleaning	135	8	6
Salaries and Wages	281	3	3

Balance at Bankers'	8	0	6
" in Librarian's hands	2	15	10
(Petty Cash)	10	16	4



BOROUGH OF HORNSEY.

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE.

1904-5

BOROUGH OF HORNSEY.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE.

9th November, 1904, to 9th November, 1905.

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and

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* Miss GRACE E. STUBBS.

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† Lecture Sub-Committee.

STAFF.

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Assistants :

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SIDNEY A. RAWLES.

HIGHGATE BRANCH LIBRARY.

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HARRY G. SURETIES.

Assistants :

EDWARD DODD.

WILLIAM P. TOYNE.

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Hornsey.

SIR AND GENTLEMEN,

The Public Libraries Committee have pleasure in submitting their Sixth Annual Report, dealing with the year ended the 31st of March, 1905, a year which has been marked by several innovations in the administration of the Libraries.

One of the most important of these innovations was the appointment on the 9th of November, 1904, of Mr. George Potter, Miss Edith Hunt-Cooke and Miss Grace E. Stubbs as co-opted Members of the Committee. Other changes made at that time were that Councillors N. Reynolds and S. Wood were appointed in place of Aldermen H. E. Williams and J. H. Wilson. Alderman J. W. W. Agnew was re-elected as Chairman of the Committee.

At the first meeting of the Committee, Councillors Brackenbury, Chamberlin and Craig, Mr. George Potter, Miss Hunt-Cooke and Miss Stubbs, and the Chairman were appointed as a Books Sub-Committee, and Councillors Brackenbury, Chamberlin, Cooper, Hewitt and the Chairman as a Lecture Sub-Committee.

Stock.—During the year 853 volumes have been added by purchase and donation, and 148 volumes have been replaced by new copies. The Committee have commenced a weeding-out process in the stock of books in the various Libraries, and have withdrawn 745 volumes which were worn out or out of date, and which they considered need not be replaced, as they were not of sufficient importance or interest, or there were still a sufficient number of duplicate copies left in circulation to meet the demand.

The total stock of the Libraries now amounts to 31,247, a net increase of 108 volumes upon the total of last year. A detailed classification is given in Table 1, and a comparison with that given last year will show that there is a decrease in the number of works

of fiction in stock, due to the weeding-out process, and that the number of volumes in every other class has been increased.

Issues.—The number of books issued during the year was 339,144, showing a daily average of 1,275. It is gratifying to find the class of reading has been of a higher nature, the number of works of fiction circulated being 12,141 less than that of last year, with a corresponding increase in the issue of works in the other classes of literature. The percentage of fiction, excluding juvenile literature, issued amounts to 68·94, as against 72·16 of last year.

Borrowers' Tickets.—In June of last year the Committee, in order to encourage the reading of a higher class of literature, decided to issue an additional ticket for the borrowing of Non-fictional works only. The fact that up to date 2,198 Borrowers have availed themselves of this privilege, and that the number of non-fictional works issued has been increased by 3·22 per cent., proves that the action of the Committee has been greatly appreciated by the Borrowers.

The number of ordinary tickets in force is 10,135, as compared with 10,027 of last year. The combined total of ordinary and non-fiction tickets amounts to 12,333.

Periodicals for Home Reading.—The Committee have made another new departure in lending out certain periodicals for home reading after use in the Reading Rooms. Each periodical is lent for a period of three days, but, if on the expiration of that time the Borrower has not finished with it, the periodical may be renewed for a further period, provided it is not required by another reader.

Lectures.—As an experiment the Committee arranged for a series of Lectures to be delivered at the Central Library during the Winter months. It was at first intended to have these Lectures in the Reference Department, where seating accommodation could be found for 110 persons, but the large number of applications for tickets of admission to the first Lecture caused the Committee to alter this arrangement and to have them delivered in the Reading Room, in which about 400 persons can be seated.

The following is a list of the Lectures that were delivered :—

Date.	Lecturer.	Subject.
1904.		
Oct. 12th.	—Clement K. Shorter, Esq. ...	"The Best Books: an unconventional Gossip on Books and Reading."
Nov. 16th.	—H. E. Piggott, M.A., Ph.D. ...	"Some English Educational Reformers, their books and influence on modern thought."
Dec. 14th.	—George Potter, F.R.M.S. ... (Illustrated with Lantern views).	"Hornsey in the Past."
1905.		
Jan. 11th.	—C. W. Pearce, Mus. Doc. ... (Illustrated with instrumental and vocal selections).	"Songs of Schumann and Schubert."
Feb. 8th.	—G. H. Northcroft, Esq. ...	"Parody in Prose and Verse: ancient and modern."
Mar. 8th.	—J. D. McClure, M.A., LL.D. ...	"Self Culture."

This series of Lectures proved most successful, and they were attended by appreciative audiences which numbered from 200 to 400, and the Committee are greatly indebted to the various Lecturers for giving their services, and also to Mr. W. Bishop, of Stroud Green, for so kindly lending and manipulating his Lantern on the occasion of Mr. Potter's lecture.

Lists of books in the Libraries dealing with the subjects of the Lectures were compiled by the Borough Librarian and distributed on each occasion.

Donations.—Mr. Henry Burt, J.P., has again shown his great interest in the Libraries by paying an account for the sum of £33 9s. 0d., the cost of printing the Catalogue of the Central Reference Library which was published in 1901 during his Chairmanship of the Committee.

The Committee have also to tender their most cordial thanks to all the Donors of books and periodicals mentioned in the lists appended to this report.

Infectious Diseases.—During the year 364 notifications of infectious diseases have been received from the Medical Officer of Health. Borrowers from the Libraries resided in 79 of these houses, and 105 volumes were handed over to the Sanitary Authority and replaced with new copies by the Council.

Bookmarks.—The Committee have again issued their own Bookmarks, and succeeded in obtaining sufficient advertisements from local Tradesmen not only to cover the cost of printing the bookmarks, but to leave a surplus, which was devoted to the purchase of new books.

School Libraries.—As the result of the arrangements made between the Libraries Committee and the Education Committee,

and sanctioned by the Town Council, last year, the grants to each school for the purchase of new books for the Scholars' Libraries have been increased.

The Teachers in the various Schools are now showing a practical interest in the Public Libraries by sending numbers of their pupils to the Libraries to consult works of reference for information upon subjects upon which they have to write essays.

The Borough Librarian has also supplied the Teachers with lists of books in the Libraries, and lent them books, bearing upon the special subjects they have been teaching, and these books have been well used.

Library Association Conference.—The Borough Librarian attended the 27th Annual Conference of the Library Association held at Newcastle-on-Tyne from the 29th of August to the 3rd of September, 1904, and submitted to the Committee a report of the Proceedings and Papers.

CENTRAL LIBRARY.

Stock.—The total number of volumes in the stock of the Central Library is 17,133, a decrease of 262 from that of last year, caused by the withdrawal of a large number of books which have become worn out by being in constant circulation for over five years. Reference to the detailed classification given in Table 1 will show that the decrease is only in the number of works of Fiction and Miscellaneous Literature, all the other classes having been increased. 1,406 volumes have been re-bound during the year.

Issues.—The issues from this Library have been well maintained, the number of books issued being 177,178, against 176,944 of last year, which shows a daily average of 658. Although there has been this increased issue, the number of works of fiction issued shows a reduction of 2·49 per cent., being 69·15, as against 71·64 of last year.

During the year 16,423 fines, amounting to £125 19s. 4½d., have been paid, 1,245 postal notices sent to Borrowers requesting the return of overdue books, and 24 volumes have been lost or damaged and replaced or paid for by their Borrowers.

Borrowers' Tickets.—The number of ordinary tickets in force on the 31st of March, 1905, was 5,124, an increase of 465 upon the total of last year, to which must be added 1,004 non-fiction tickets, making a total of 6,128.

STROUD GREEN BRANCH LIBRARY.

Stock.—There have been 283 new books added to the stock of this Branch during the year, while 89 volumes have been withdrawn as worn out, making the total number of volumes in stock amount to 7,323, an increase of 204 upon the total of last year. 407 volumes were re-bound during the year.

Issues.—The number of volumes issued, 88,241, shows an increase upon the total of last year, this notwithstanding the large decrease in the issue of works of fiction.

The class of literature borrowed during the year has undergone a marked improvement; the fiction issue has been decreased from 75·44 per cent. of last year to 70·69 of this year. A gratifying feature is the large increase of works of reference which have been consulted.

9,017 fines, amounting to £59 16s. 8½d., have been paid, 588 notices sent for overdue books, and 7 books have been lost or damaged by Borrowers and replaced or paid for.

Borrowers' Tickets.—The number of Borrowers' tickets in force on the 31st of March, 1905, has been increased from last year's total of 2,656 to 2,731, which, together with 682 non-fiction tickets which have been issued, make a total of 3,413 tickets now in force.

HIGHGATE BRANCH LIBRARY.

Stock.—There are now 6,791 volumes in the stock of this Branch Library, 29 volumes having been withdrawn, and 205 added, making a net increase of 176 upon the total of last year. 368 volumes have been re-bound during the year.

Issues.—The number of books issued was 73,725, which shows a decrease of 2,368 from the total of last year, while the daily

average of this year is 289, as compared with 284 of last year. This apparent contradiction between the decrease in the number of books issued and the increase of the daily average is explained by the fact that the Lending Department was closed for one week in the busiest season of the year for painting and decoration purposes, therefore the number of days open was smaller than that of last year.

The percentage of fiction issued is $66\cdot33$, as compared with $69\cdot57$ of last year, and the number of works of reference consulted shows the large increase of 1,735 volumes.

There has been a decrease in the number of fines paid during the year, being 5,990, as against 7,428, the amount realised being £50 9s. $7\frac{1}{2}$ d., as against £63 8s. $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. 533 postal notices were sent for overdue books, and 14 books were lost or damaged and replaced or paid for by their Borrowers.

Borrowers' Tickets.—The number of Borrowers' tickets in force on the 31st of March last year was 2,712, while on the same date this year there were 2,280 ordinary and 512 non-fiction tickets, making a total of 2,792 tickets in force.

Decoration and Electric Light.—The Council having resolved, on the recommendation of the Committee, to have the Electric Light installed at this Branch Library, the work of installation was carried out in January last by Messrs. Wight and Jones, of Hornsey, under the supervision of the Borough Electrical Engineer, without in any way interfering with the work of the Library.

In February of this year the Borough Engineer and Surveyor suggested that, in view of the large number of Painters who were unemployed at that time, it was expedient that internal and external painting of this Branch Library should be taken in hand. The Committee therefore arranged for the Lending Department to be closed from February 6th to the 11th inclusive, and the Reading Room from the 13th to the 18th inclusive, for this purpose. The whole of the work was carried out by men employed direct by the Council under the supervision of the Borough Engineer and Surveyor, and the appearance of the building has been much improved.

MUSWELL HILL BRANCH LIBRARY.

The five years during which the Council agreed to erect a Branch Library upon the site at Muswell Hill so kindly given by Mr. Edmondson expires during the course of the present year. Upon its being pointed out to Mr. Edmondson that the funds at the disposal of the Committee would not permit of the erection of a Library upon this site for some time to come, he generously consented to extend the time for a further period of five years from November next.

J. W. W. AGNEW,
Chairman.

April 28th, 1905.

TABLE 1, showing the Stock of the Libraries on March 31st, 1905.

	Central Lending.	Central Reference.	Stroud Green.	Highgate.	Total
Science	902	343	404	518	2,167
Useful Arts	523	327	294	288	1,432
Fine and Recreative Arts	672	163	363	377	1,575
Social Science	550	291	305	270	1,416
Philosophy and Religion	706	71	275	337	1,389
History and Travel ...	1,728	673	1,131	897	4,429
Biography	1,326	116	804	748	2,994
Language and Literature	473	190	230	223	1,116
Poetry and the Drama...	467	18	322	262	1,069
Prose Fiction (including Juvenile Literature) ...	5,959	30	2,899	2,690	11,578
Miscellaneous Literature	1,114	491	258	144	2,007
Reference Works at Branches	—	—	38	37	75
	<u>14,420</u>	<u>2,713</u>	<u>7,323</u>	<u>6,791</u>	<u>31,247</u>

TABLE 2, showing the number of Books issued from the Libraries from the 1st of April, 1904, to the 31st of March, 1905.

	Central Lending.	Central Reference.	Stroud Green.	Highgate.	Total
Science	3,474	708	1,417	1,487	7,086
Useful Arts	2,556	632	1,081	1,066	5,335
Fine and Recreative Arts	3,610	277	1,868	1,462	7,217
Social Science	1,497	482	961	653	3,593
Philosophy and Religion	2,106	79	1,123	823	4,131
History and Travel ...	6,303	744	3,971	3,478	14,496
Biography	3,370	274	2,196	2,444	8,284
Language and Literature	1,122	535	576	744	2,977
Poetry and the Drama...	1,871	107	1,149	1,111	4,238
Prose Fiction	122,475	54	62,380	48,904	233,813
Miscellaneous Literature	4,215	2,453	1,725	1,214	9,607
Juvenile Literature ...	18,234	—	7,970	7,639	33,843
Reference Works at Branches	—	—	1,824	2,700	4,524
	<u>170,833</u>	<u>6,345</u>	<u>88,241</u>	<u>73,725</u>	<u>339,144</u>
Daily average	637	21	328	289	1,275

LIST OF DONORS.

	VOLS.		VOLS.
Agnew, Alderman J. W. W. Hornsey	1	Layton, Messrs. C and E., London	3
Amalgamated Press, Ltd.	...	Leeds University	...
Bell, E., London	...	London Directory Co.	...
Brace, Mrs., Hornsey	...	London University College	...
Brackenbury, Councillor H. B.,	43	Macqueen, Miss M., Hornsey	...
Stroud Green	...	Marcham, F., Hornsey	...
Bridge, A. L., Stroud Green	...	Mather & Crowther, Messrs., London	1
Brown, A. M., Stroud Green	...	Montague, C. J., Hornsey	...
Burton, J. F. (Author)	...	Morgan-de-Groot, Dr. J. (Author)	...
Casartelli, Dr., Salford	...	Neil, J., Hornsey	...
Chamberlin, Councillor D. J.,	1	Oakshott, J. J., Highgate	...
Crouch End, "Municipal Journal"		Parr, J., Muswell Hill	...
as published.		Paton, Messrs. J. and J., London	...
College of Preceptors, London	...	Phillip, G. F., Stroud Green,	...
Comyn, Mrs., Stroud Green	...	"Humane Review" as published.	...
Corporation of Canterbury	...	Potter, George, Highgate	...
Craig, Councillor J. A., Muswell	...	Queen's College, Belfast	...
Hill	...	Religious Tract Society, London	...
and "Great Thoughts" as pub-	5	Roberts, F. B., Stroud Green,	...
lished.		"Christian Tourist" as published.	...
Davey, W. J., Stroud Green	...	Shanks, J. (Author)	...
Dawson, H., Highgate, "Children's	1	Sharpe, Miss, Highgate	...
Garden" as published.		Stickey, M., Stroud Green	...
Durham College of Medicine	...	Stubbs and Co., Messrs., London	...
Durham College of Science	...	Swinstead, H. E., Stroud Green	...
Farrer, Dowager Lady, London	...	Tollemache, Hon. Mrs. L., London	2
Fincham, H. W., Hornsey, a Picture	1	Tomlinson, Miss, Highgate	...
of the New River at Hornsey in		Townend, Mrs., Stroud Green	...
1860.		Toyne, Councillor J. J., Highgate,	...
Fox, Miss A., Stroud Green	...	"Gardener's Magazine," 3 copies,	...
Giles, Dr. B. Faraday, Hornsey	...	as published.	...
Glasgow University	...	Truscot, J., London	...
Greenwood, Dr. A., Crouch End	...	Union Press, Philadelphia, U. S. A.	...
Hewitt, Councillor T., Crouch End	...	University Correspondence College	...
Higgins, Very Rev. G., Stroud	16	Watney, Sir J., City and Guilds of	...
Green, "Catholic Fireside" as		London Institute	...
published.		Wood Green Ethical Society,	...
Hunt-Cooke, Miss, Crouch End	...	"Ethics" as published.	...
Jenkins, Rhys., Crouch End	...	Wren, W., Berkshire	...
King's College, London	...	Wyld, Mrs., Muswell Hill	...

Library Magazines or Reports have been received from the following Libraries:—

Aberdeen, Accrington, Acton, Ashton-under-Lyne, Aston Manor, Barrow in Furness, Belfast, Birmingham, Blackburn, Blackpool, Bolton, Bootle, Bournemouth, Brentford, Brighouse, Brighton, Bristol, Bromley, Cambridge, Cambridge University, Cardiff, Chiswick, Chorley, Clitheroe, Croydon, Darlington, Derby, Dundee, Ealing, Folkestone, Gloucester, Gosport, Hanley, Hove, Kettering, Kidderminster, Kimberley, S. A., Kingston-upon-Thames, Leeds, Leek, Leyton, Lincoln, London—Battersea, Bishopsgate, Cripplegate, Finsbury, Fulham, Hammersmith, Kensal Rise, St. Brides', Shoreditch, Stoke Newington, Wandsworth, Westminster, Willesden—Manchester, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Norwich, Penarth, Perth, Plymouth, Port Elizabeth, S. A., Portsmouth, Preston, Richmond, Rothwell, St. Helen's, Salem, U. S. A., Salford, Southampton, Stockport, Tottenham, Twickenham, Tynemouth, Walthamstow, Watford, Wednesbury, West Bromwich, West Ham, Wigan, Wimbledon, Wolverhampton, Worcester, Workington, Yarmouth, and York.

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS.

The Newspapers, Periodicals and Time Tables marked * in the following lists are presented by their respective Proprietors, Publishers or others.

Abbreviations used:—C. Central; S. Stroud Green; H. Highgate; * Presented; † Magazines marked thus are placed at the Library specified until the 10th of each month, and then transferred to the other Libraries for 10 days each.

DAILY.

C. S. H. Daily Chronicle.	C. Globe.
C.* Daily Express.	C.*S.*H.* Islington Gazette (C. 2 copies).
C. S. H. Daily Graphic.	C. Morning Leader.
S. Daily Mail.	C. Morning Post.
C. S. H. Daily News.	C. Pall Mall Gazette.
C. S. H. Daily Standard.	C.* Parliamentary Debates (as published).
C. S. H. Daily Telegraph.	C. S. H. Times.
C. S. H. Echo.	C. S. H. Westminster Gazette.
C. S. H. Evening News.	
C. S. H. Evening Standard and St. James Gazette.	

WEEKLY.

C. Academy.	C.* H.* Holloway and Hornsey Press.
C.*S.*H.* Aspirant.	C.*S.*H.* Hornsey and Finsbury Park Journal.
C. S. H. Athenæum.	C. S. H. Illustrated London News.
C.*S.*H.* Australian Trading World.	C. S. H. Lady's Pictorial.
S.* Autocar.	C.* Laundry Journal.
C.* British Architect.	C.* Local Government Journal.
C.*S.*H.* British Australasian.	C.*S.*H.* London Argus.
C. H. Builder.	H.* Monitor.
C.*S.* Catholic Fireside.	C.*S.*H.* Motor.
S.* Catholic Times.	C.*S.*H.* Motor Boat.
C.*S.*H.* Christian.	C.* Municipal Journal.
C.*S.* Christian World.	C. Nature.
C.* Church Family Newspaper.	C.* North London Mercury.
C.*S.*H.* Civil Service Competitor.	C.*S.*H.* North Middlesex Chronicle.
C.*S.* Civil Service Hints.	C. Notes and Queries.
C.*S.*H.* Civil Service Weekly.	S.* Presbyterian.
C.*S.*H.* Commercial Motor.	C.*S.* Public Health Engineer.
C.*S.*H.* Cycling.	C. Public Opinion.
C.* Electrician.	C. S. H. Punch.
C. Engineer.	C. S. H. Queen.
C.* Engineering Times.	C.*S.*H.* Railway News.
C. English Mechanic.	C.*S.*H.* Railway Review.
C.*S.* Ethics.	H.* Railway Times.
C. S. H. Exchange and Mart (C. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; S. H. Fridays only).	C. Saturday Review.
H. Gardening.	C. Speaker.
C. Gardener's Chronicle.	C.*S.*H.* Spectator.
C.*S.*H.* Gardener's Magazine.	C. S. H. Sphere.
C. S. H. Graphic.	C.*S.*H.* Surveyor.
S.* Great Thoughts.	C.*S.*H.* Temperance Chronicle.
C.*S.*H.* Hampstead and Highgate Express.	C. Truth.
H.* Highgate Times.	C.*S.*H.* Weekly Dispatch.
	C. S. H. Work.

* FORTNIGHTLY—C.*S.*H.* University Correspondent.

MONTHLY.

C.*S.* Anti-Slavery Reporter.	H.* Leisure Hour.
C. Art Journal.	C. S. H. Literary World.
C. Bookseller.	C.*S.*H.* London Crusader.
C.* Brown's Advertiser.	C.*S.*H.* London, Seaside and Country.
S.* Cassell's Magazine.	C.*S.*H.* London Temperance Times.
S.* Chambers's Journal.	H.* Macmillan's Magazine.
C.*S.*H.* Children's Garden.	S. H. Monthly Review.
C. S. Contemporary Review.	C.* H.* Musical Herald.
C.*S.*H.* Cook's Excursionist.	C. S. H. National Home Reading Union Magazine.
C.*S.*H.* Delineator.	C.*S.*H.* New Church Magazine.
H.* Dress Review.	C.*S.* Nonconformist Musical Journal.
C.*S.*H.* Educational Times.	S. H. Nineteenth Century and After.
C. H. Fortnightly Review.	C.* Pall Mall Magazine.
S.* Harper's Magazine.	C.*S.*H.* Patents.
C.* Herald of the Cross.	C.* Pearson's Magazine.
C.* Herald of Health.	C.* Printer's Register.
C.* Hornsey Parish Church Magazine.	C.* Quiver.
C.*S.*H.* Hornsey Town Council Minutes.	C. Review of Reviews.
C.*S.*H.* Humanitarian.	C.*S.*H.* Railway Clerk.
C. Independent Review.	C.* Rural World.
C. Journal of Education.	H.* St. Augustine's Parish Magazine.
C.* Labour Gazette.	

MONTHLY (Continued).

C.*S.*	St. Luke's Monthly Record.	C.†	Temple Bar.
C.*S.*H.*	Sales and Wants Advertiser.	C.*	Toilers of the Deep.
H.†	Scribner's Magazine.	S.†	Windsor Magazine.
H.†	Strand Magazine.	C.* H.*	Young Days.
C.*	Stroud Green Parish Magazine.	C.*	Y. M. C. A. (Crouch End) Magazine.
S.	Studio.		

QUARTERLIES.

C.	Edinburgh Review.	C.* H.*	Travel.
C.*S.*H.*	Anti-Slavery Reporter.	C.	Quarterly Review.

TIME TABLES.

C. S. H.	A.B.C. Railway Guide.	C.*S.*H.*	London, Brighton and South Coast.
C. S. H.	Bradshaw's Railway Guide.	C.*S.*H.*	Midland.
C.*S.*H.*	Caledonian.	C.*S.*H.*	North British.
H.*	Glasgow and South Western.	C.*S.*H.*	North Eastern.
C.*S.*H.*	Great Central.	C.*S.*H.*	South Eastern, Chatham and Dover.
C.*S.*H.*	Great Eastern.	C.*	L. C. C. Workmen's Trains and Trams.
C.*S.*H.*	Great Northern.		
C.*S.*H.*	Great Western.		
C.*S.*H.*	London and North Western.		
C.*S.*H.*	London and South Western.		

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year to 31st March, 1905.

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27th April, 1905.

BARROW FISH, Borough Treasurer.



BOROUGH OF HORNSEY.

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE.

1905-6

BOROUGH OF HORNSEY.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE.

9th November, 1905, to 9th November, 1906.

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STAFF.

Borough Librarian:

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CENTRAL LIBRARY.

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FRANK HOLLINS.

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Librarian-in-Charge:

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Assistants:

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SIDNEY A. RAWLES.

HIGHGATE BRANCH LIBRARY.

Librarian-in-Charge:

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SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Hornsey.

SIR AND GENTLEMEN,

In submitting their Seventh Annual Report the Public Libraries Committee have pleasure in referring to the satisfactory work accomplished by the Libraries during the year ended March 31st, 1906.

Committee.—Alderman J. W. W. Agnew has been re-elected Chairman of the Committee for the current year. In consequence of his year of office as Mayor having expired, Alderman F. W. Lawson, J.P., ceased to be a member of the Committee. Other changes in the personnel of the Committee were caused by the resignations of Miss Edith Hunt-Cooke on April 28th, 1905, in consequence of her removal, and of Mr. J. A. Craig on his retirement from the Town Council in November last. On the re-appointment of the Committee by the Council on November 9th, 1905, Alderman H. E. Williams, Councillors A. W. Brush, P. F. Campbell and E. A. Ebbelwhite were added, and Mr. George Potter and Miss Grace E. Stubbs were again co-opted as non-Council members.

Stock.—The number of volumes in the stock of the three Libraries has decreased by 32, the number being 31,215 as against 31,247 of last year. This decrease is accounted for by the continuation of the process of weeding out begun last year. By this process 197 volumes have been replaced by new copies and 726 withdrawn from circulation, while 694 volumes have been added by purchase and donation.

Issues.—The number of books issued during the year was 335,087, a decrease of 4,057 from the total of last year. This decrease is satisfactorily accounted for by the drop of nearly 3 per cent. in the issue of Fiction, which now stands at 66·05, as compared with 68·94 of last year, and 72·16 of the previous year. Non-Fiction works as a rule are kept out longer than Fiction, so that the borrowing of Non-Fiction works instead of Fiction causes a decrease in the total number of books issued.

Borrowers' Tickets.—The number of ordinary tickets in force on March 31st, 1906, was 9,835, a decrease of 300 from the total of last year, but this has been more than balanced by the addition of 376 Non-Fiction tickets which have been issued, making a total of 2,574 now in force, the combined total of 12,409 being an increase of 76 upon that of last year.

Infectious Diseases.—The Committee wish to make it more widely known that books which have been in a house where an infectious disease occurs are not returned to the Libraries, but are handed direct to the Medical Officer of Health or his representative, in order to prevent the spread of disease. 433 notifications of infectious diseases were received from the Medical Officer of Health during the year. Borrowers from the Libraries resided in 92 of these houses, and 122 volumes were handed over to the Sanitary Authority and new copies purchased instead.

Donations.—The Committee have tendered their cordial thanks to the Donors of books, periodicals, etc., mentioned in the lists appended to this report. The most important donation of the year was that from the Trustees of the British Museum, consisting of 93 volumes of Catalogues of Zoology, Mineralogy, etc., which have been well used by readers in our Reference Library.

Bookmarks.—Two editions of the Bookmark have been issued for each Library during the year, and the Committee were successful in obtaining sufficient advertisements from Tradesmen not only to cover the cost of printing the Bookmarks, but to leave a surplus which enabled the Committee to make additions to the stock of books.

Newspapers and Periodicals.—In view of the restricted income of the Libraries the Committee considered the question of reducing the amount spent on Newspapers and Periodicals, and they have made certain alterations in the number of copies of each newspaper or periodical purchased, and in their distribution to each of the Reading Rooms, which will effect a considerable saving in their cost each year. The complete list of Newspapers and Periodicals now taken and the Library to which they are allocated is appended to this report.

Lectures.—The success of the series of Lectures delivered at the Central Library during the winter months of last year induced the Committee to organise a similar series for this year. The following is a list of the Lectures that were arranged for:—

Date.	Lecturer.	Subject.
1905.		
Oct. 11th.	Wynne E. Baxter, Esq., D.L., J.P. (Vice-Chairman, Stoke Newington Public Libraries Committee).	"Milton's 'Paradise Lost'" (with Lantern illustrations).
Nov. 15th.	W. J. Addis, Esq., M.A. (Lecturer in English at the Birkbeck College).	"The Hellenic Touch in English Verse"
Dec. 13th.	Arthur Rickitt, Esq., M.A., LL.D.	"Walt Whitman."
1906.		
Jan. 10th.	Josiah Booth, Esq., A.R.A.M. (Organist, Park Chapel, Crouch End).	"Tone Pictures in Song by Schubert and Mendelssohn" (with Musical illustrations).
Feb. 7th.	E. A. Butler, Esq., B.A., B.Sc. (Principal, Tollington Park College).	"Mimicry among Insects" (with Lantern illustrations).
Mar. 7th.	Charles Welch, Esq., F.S.A. (Librarian, GUILDHALL, London).	"The Ancient Livery Guilds of the City of London" (with Lantern illustrations).

Unfortunately Mr. Wynne Baxter was unable to deliver his Lecture, but his son—Mr. Frank W. Baxter—kindly took his place. On December 13th Dr. Rickitt sent a telegram expressing his regret that he was unable to fulfil his engagement. The Mayor, Councillor Brackenbury, delivered a Lecture on "Samuel Johnson and his Friends," which was greatly appreciated by the audience.

Libraries and Schools.—In endeavouring to give effect to the Council's resolutions regarding the desirability of closer co-operation between the Public Libraries and the Borough Schools, the Committee, with the help of the Education Committee and the approval of the Council, has appointed a Sub-Committee consisting of the Head Teacher of each School, or some Assistant Teacher nominated by him or her, to represent the School, the Borough Librarian, the two Branch Librarians, and the Sub-Librarian of the Central Library. The purpose of the Sub-Committee will be to promote in every way the intercourse of the Schools and Libraries. The Sub-Committee is to confer and make recommendations to the Public Libraries Committee. The Sub-Committee has had a meeting at which a profitable interchange of opinions took place, and there is every likelihood that the result will be entirely satisfactory, and lead to a greater use being made of the Public Libraries by the Schools.

The number of books in the Libraries at each of the Schools maintained by the Council is shown in Table 3 of the Appendix.

Library Association Conference.—Mr. George Potter and the Borough Librarian attended the 28th Annual Conference of the Library Association at Cambridge from the 22nd to the 24th of August, 1905, and submitted to the Committee a report on the proceedings.

Library Assistants' Association.—The Library Assistants' Association, at the invitation of the Borough Librarian, and with the permission of the Committee, held their Monthly Meeting in the Central Reference Library on Wednesday, December 6th, 1905, when a paper on "Weeding Out" was read by Mr. J. G. Faraday, the Sub-Librarian of the Central Library.

Staff.—Mr. William J. Harris, the Librarian in charge of the Stroud Green Branch Library, tendered his resignation in consequence of his appointment as Borough Librarian of Bromley, Kent, and the Council have appointed Mr. J. G. Faraday, the Sub-Librarian of the Central Library, to be the Librarian in charge of that Branch Library, as from the 1st of May, 1906.

CENTRAL LIBRARY.

Stock.—The withdrawal of 640 volumes as worn out or out of date has caused a decrease in the stock of the Central Library. 336 volumes have been added, and 741 volumes transferred from the Reference to the Lending Department. Most of these transferred volumes consisted of technical works purchased in 1900 with the grant of £300 received from the Middlesex County Council on the condition that the books so purchased should be placed in the Reference Department. The County Council on being approached raised no objection to these books being transferred to the Lending Library, where they have proved a useful addition to the stock available for home reading. The number of volumes now in stock is 16,829, as against 17,133 of last year. A detailed classification of the stock is given in Table 1 appended to this Report. 450 volumes have been re-bound during the year, in addition to a large number repaired by the staff.

Issues.—The number of volumes issued from this Library again shows an increase upon the total of last year, being 181,772, as against 177,178, a daily average of 676, against 658 of last year. The number of works of Fiction issued again shows a reduction, the percentage now being 66·18, as against 69·15 and 71·64 of the two previous years. During the year 16,764 fines amounting to £133 13s. 9d. have been paid, 1,501 postal notices sent to Borrowers requesting the return of overdue books; and 26 volumes have been lost or damaged and replaced or paid for by their Borrowers.

Borrowers' Tickets.—The number of ordinary tickets in force on the 31st of March, 1906—4,997—shows a decrease of 27 from last year's total, but the Non-Fiction tickets have increased from 1,004 to 1,259, making a total of 6,257 tickets now in force.

STROUD GREEN BRANCH LIBRARY.

Stock.—The stock of this Branch Library now consists of 7,456 volumes, 186 volumes having been added and 53 withdrawn during the year. 450 volumes were re-bound during the year.

Issues.—The number of books issued—84,120—shows a decrease of 4,121 from the total of last year, but this decrease is due to the smaller number of works of Fiction borrowed, almost every other class of literature having increased. The percentage of Fiction issued now stands at 66·77, as against 70·69 and 75·44 of the two previous years. 9,535 fines amounting to £60 6s. 0d. have been paid during the year; 546 overdue notices sent out, and 14 volumes lost or damaged and replaced or paid for by their Borrowers.

Borrowers' Tickets.—There has been a decrease in the number of ordinary tickets issued, but an increase of those for Non-Fiction works, the number in force now being 2,599 and 773 respectively, making a total of 3,372, as against 3,413 of last year.

HIGHGATE BRANCH LIBRARY.

Stock.—33 volumes were withdrawn from the stock of this Branch Library during the year, and 172 volumes added, making

a total of 6,930, an increase of 139 upon the total of last year. 465 volumes have been re-bound.

Issues.—A decrease in the number of books issued from this Library has also taken place, the number being 69,195 as against 73,725, but here again the largest decrease has been in the number of works of Fiction issued. The percentage is now 63·56 as against 66·33 and 69·57 of the two previous years.

The fines paid during the year numbered 5,259, realizing £44 16s. 2d. 415 postal notices for overdue books were sent out, and 10 books were lost or damaged and replaced or paid for by their Borrowers.

Borrowers' Tickets.—The number of ordinary Borrowers' tickets in force on the 31st of March, 1906, was 2,239, and 542 Non-Fiction, making a total of 2,781, as against 2,792 of last year.

J. W. W. AGNEW,
Chairman.

April 20th, 1906.

TABLE 1, showing the Stock of the Libraries on March 31st, 1906.

	Central Lending.	Central Reference.	Stroud Green.	Highgate.	Total
Science	998	205	367	518	2,088
Useful Arts	656	151	294	296	1,397
Fine and Recreative Arts	696	116	366	384	1,562
Social Science	569	334	319	272	1,494
Philosophy and Religion	778	28	276	342	1,424
History and Travel ...	1,863	463	1,113	911	4,350
Biography	1,241	82	815	743	2,881
Language and Literature	470	159	229	214	1,072
Poetry and the Drama ...	562	14	322	284	1,182
Prose Fiction	4,695	8	2,516	2,247	9,466
Juvenile Literature ...	1,317	—	542	543	2,402
Miscellaneous Literature	1,169	255	260	138	1,822
Reference Works at Branches	—	—	37	38	75
	<u>15,014</u>	<u>1,815</u>	<u>7,456</u>	<u>6,930</u>	<u>31,212</u>

TABLE 2, showing the number of Books issued from the Libraries from the 1st of April, 1905, to the 31st of March, 1906.

	Central Lending.	Central Reference.	Stroud Green.	Highgate.	Total
Science	4,012	718	1,593	1,713	8,036
Useful Arts	3,312	576	1,186	943	6,017
Fine and Recreative Arts	4,444	282	1,910	1,550	8,186
Social Science	1,736	502	1,042	660	3,940
Philosophy and Religion	2,602	81	1,102	810	4,595
History and Travel ...	7,298	614	3,899	3,857	15,668
Biography	3,810	248	2,278	2,248	8,584
Language and Literature	1,704	491	645	642	3,482
Poetry and the Drama...	2,314	70	1,299	1,122	4,805
Prose Fiction	120,225	88	57,033	43,984	221,330
Juvenile Literature ...	21,004	—	8,347	8,086	37,437
Miscellaneous Literature	4,195	1,446	1,835	1,162	8,638
Reference Works at Branches	—	—	1,951	2,418	4,369
	<u>176,656</u>	<u>5,116</u>	<u>84,120</u>	<u>69,195</u>	<u>335,087</u>
Daily average	659	17	312	255	1,243

TABLE 3, showing the number of Books in each of the School Libraries, the number issued from April 1st, 1905, to the 31st of March, 1906, and the Daily average issue.

School.	Vols. in Stock.	Vols. Issued.	Daily Average.
Campsbourne	320	4,649	106
Higher Elementary	270	1,700	85
North Harringay	342	6,234	156
South Harringay	100	1,779	54
Crouch End	293	3,138	82
Highgate	339	743	20
Stroud Green	304	2,700	61
St. James's, Muswell Hill	68	940	22
	<u>2,036</u>	<u>21,883</u>	<u>586</u>

LIST OF DONORS.

VOLS.	VOLS.
Agnew, Alderman J. W. W., Hornsey ... 4	Johnson, R., Crouch End ... 14
Amalgamated Press, Ltd., London ... 1	King's College, London ... 1
Athey, Mrs., Wimbledon ... 13	Kitchener, S. W., Hornsey, "T. P.'s Weekly," as published ... 1
Ayres, J. C., Stroud Green ... 6	Leeds University ... 1
Briggs, Mrs., Crouch End ... 150	London Directory Co., London ... 2
Briscoe, J. P., Nottingham ... 1	London School of Economics ... 1
British Museum Trustees ... 93	London University College ... 1
Carrodus, B., Highgate ... 1	Luly, W. F., Harringay ... 4
Carson, O. G., London ... 1	MacFadyen, Rev. D., M.A., Highgate ... 1
Chamberlin, Councillor D. J., Crouch End, "The Tribune" daily for two months, "Municipal Journal" as published, and ... 2	Marcham, F., Hornsey ... 10
Chettle, H., Stroud Green ... 2	Mather and Crowther, Ltd., London ... 1
Craig, J. A., Muswell Hill, "Great Thoughts" as published to Highgate Branch Library ... 1	Middlesex County Council ... 4
Cobbett, Mrs., Stroud Green ... 1	Metropolitan Water Board, "Minutes of Proceedings" after confirmation ... 12
Cory-Wright, Lady, Highgate ... 2	Milthorp, Basil, Hornsey ... 1
Crawley, J. C., Stroud Green ... 1	Oakshott, J. J., Highgate ... 1
Digby, Long and Co., London ... 1	Parr, Miss, East Finchley ... 6
Durham College of Medicine ... 1	Paton, J. and J., London ... 1
Dye, A., Stroud Green ... 1	Phillips, G. F., Stroud Green ... 2
Ebbelwhite, Councillor E. A., Crouch End ... 9	Potter, G., Highgate, 62 Lithographs of Highgate Prints; a Framed Portrait of Canon Harvey, late Rector of Hornsey, and ... 1
Eland, Mrs. F., Midhurst ... 1	Queen's College, Belfast ... 1
Emons, P. J., Muswell Hill ... 2	Rabagliati, Dr. A., Bradford ... 6
Farquharson, Councillor J. R., Crouch End, "The Commonwealth," as published, to the 3 Libraries ... 1	Royal Mail Steam Packet Co., London ... 1
Ferrars, E. R. D. de, Stroud Green 17	Shann, G., London ... 1
Fish, T., Stroud Green, "The Montreal Witness," as published, to the Stroud Green Branch Library, Gles, Dr. B. Faraday, Hornsey ... 9	Sherlock, F., Hornsey, "The Gnar-dian" and "The Record," weekly, as published ... 12
Glasgow University ... 1	Smith, Miss E., Highbury ... 3
Godward, W. A., Hornsey, "Poor Law Officers' Journal," as published ... 1	Smith, H. W., London ... 13
Greenwood, Dr. A., Crouch End ... 1	Swedenborg Society, London ... 4
Griensdall, H., Hornsey ... 4	Thomas, Miss, Muswell Hill ... 1
Hare, Dr. E. H., Hornsey ... 2	Tovne, Councillor J. J., Highgate, "Gardener's Magazine" as published to the 3 Libraries ... 2
Hewitt, Councillor T., Crouch End 3	Vorsey, Rev. C., London ... 1
Higgins, Very Rev. Dom., Stroud Green, "Catholic Fireside" as published ... 24	Whyte, Councillor J. F., Highgate, "The Daily News" as published to the Highgate Branch Library, Wood Green Ethical Society, "The Ethical Review" as published ... 43
Hunt, S. H., Stroud Green ... 2	Wood-Renton, Mrs., Crouch End ... 1
Hes, M., Stroud Green ... 2	Yates, A. H., Wood Green ... 1

Library Magazines or Reports have been received from the following Libraries:—

Aberdeen, Accrington, Acton, Aston Manor, Barrow-in-Furness, Belfast, Birmingham, Blackburn, Blackpool, Bolton, Bootle, Bournemouth, Brentford, Brighton, Bristol, Bromley, Cambridge, Cambridge University, Cardiff, Chiswick, Chorley, Cork, Croydon, Derby, Dundee, Ealing, Folkestone, Gloucester, Gosport, Hanley, Hove, Kettering, Kidderminster, Kimberley, S.A., Kingston-upon-Thames, Leeds, Leek, Leicester, Leyton, Lincoln, London—Battersea, Cripple-gate, Finsbury, Fulham, Hammersmith, Kilburn, St. Brides', Shoreditch, Stoke Newington, Wandsworth, Westminster, and Willesden—Manchester, Norwich, Penarth, Perth, Plymouth, Port Elizabeth, S.A., Preston, Richmond, Rothwell, St. Helen's, Salem, U.S.A., South Shields, Stockport, Tottenham, Twickenham, Tynemouth, Waltham-stow, Watford, Wednesbury, West Bromwich, Wigan, Wimbledon, Wolverhampton, Worcester, Yarmouth, and York.

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS.

The Newspapers, Periodicals and Times Tables marked * in the following lists are presented by their respective Proprietors, Publishers or others.

Abbreviations used:—C., Central Library; S., Stroud Green; H., Highgate.

DAILY.

C. S. H.	Daily Chronicle	H.	Globe.
C.*	Daily Express.	C.*S.*H.*	Islington Gazette.
H.	Daily Graphic.	S.	Morning Leader.
H.	Daily Mail.	S.	Morning Post.
C. H.*	Daily News.	C.	Pall Mall Gazette.
H.	Daily Standard.	C.*	Parliamentary Debates.
C.	Daily Telegraph.	C. S. H.	Times.
S.	Evening Standard and James's Gazette.	C. S. H.	Westminster Gazette.

WEEKLY.

C.	Academy.	C.*S.*	Holloway and Hornsey Press.
C.*S.*H.*	Aspirant.	C.*S.*H.*	Hornsey and Finsbury Park Journal.
C. S. H.	Athenæum.	S.	Illustrated London News.
C.*S.*H.*	Australian Trading World.	C.*S.*H.*	Islington News.
S.*	Autocar.	C.	Lady's Field.
C.*	British Architect.	S.	Lady's Pictorial.
C.*S.*H.*	British Australasian.	C.*	Laundry Journal.
C. H.	Builder.	C.*	Local Government Journal.
C.*	Canada.	C.*S.*H.*	London Argus.
S.*	Catholic Fireside.	H.*	Monitor.
S.*	Catholic Times.	S.*	Montreal Weekly Witness.
C.*S.*H.*	Christian.	C.*S.*H.*	Motor.
C.*	Christian Life.	C.*S.*H.*	Motor Boat.
C.*S.*	Christian World.	C.*S.*	Motor Traction.
C.*	Church Family Newspaper.	C.*	Municipal Journal.
C.*	Church Times.	H.*	Muswell Hill Press.
C.*S.*H.*	Civil Service Competitor.	C.	Nature.
C.*S.*H.*	Civil Service Hints.	C.*	North London Mercury.
C.*S.*H.*	Civil Service Weekly.	C.*S.*H.*	North Middlesex Chronicle
C.*	Civilian.	S.	Notes and Queries.
C.*S.*H.*	Commercial Motor.	C.*	Poor Law Officers' Journal.
C.*S.*H.*	Cycling.	S.*	Presbyterian.
C.*	Electrician.	C.*S.*	Public Health Engineer.
C.	Engineer.	C. S. H.	Punch.
C.*	English Churchman.	H.	Queen.
C.	English Mechanic.	C.*S.*H.*	Railway News.
C.*S.*	Ethical Review.	C.*S.*H.*	Railway Review.
C. S. H.	Exchange and Mart (C. Fridays, S. Wednesdays, H. Mondays).	C.*	Record.
H.	Gardening.	H.	Saturday Review.
C.	Gardener's Chronicle.	C. S. H.	Spectator.
C.*S.*H.*	Gardener's Magazine.	C.	Sphere.
H.	Graphic.	C.*S.*H.*	Surveyor.
H.*	Great Thoughts.	C.*	T.P.'s Weekly.
C.*	Guardian.	C.*S.*H.*	Temperance Chronicle.
C.*S.*H.*	Hampstead and Highgate Express.	C.	Truth.
H.*	Highgate Times.	C.*S.*	Weekly Dispatch.
		S.	Work.

FORTNIGHTLY—C.*S.*H.* University Correspondent.

MONTHLY.

H.*	All the World.	C.*	Catholic Fireside (monthly part).
C.*	Anti-Tea-Duty League.	C.*S.*H.*	Children's Garden.
C.	Art Journal.	C.*	Circle.
C.	Bookseller.	C.*S.*H.*	Commonwealth.
C.*	Brown's Advertiser.		

- S. Contemporary Review.
 C.*S.*H.* Cook's Travellers' Gazette.
 C.*S.*H.* Delineator.
 C.*S.*H.* Educational Times.
 C. Fortnightly Review.
 S.*H.* Great Western Railway Magazine.
 C.* Herald of the Cross.
 C.* Herald of Health.
 C.* Hornsey Parish Church Magazine.
 C.*S.*H.* Hornsey Town Council Minutes.
 C.*S.*H.* Humanitarian.
 H.* Independent Review.
 H.* Indian Socialist.
 C. Journal of Education.
 C.* Labour Gazette.
 C.*S.*H.* Land and Labour.
 C.*S.*H.* London Crusader.
 C.*S.*H.* London Temperance Times.
 C.* Metropolitan Water Board Minutes.
 S. Monthly Review.
 C.* H.* Musical Herald.
 C. S. H. National Home Reading Union Magazine.
 C. National Review.
 C.*S.*H.* New Church Magazine.
 C.*S.* Nonconformist Musical Journal.
 H. Nineteenth Century and After.
 C.*S.*H.* Patents.
 C.* Printer's Register.
 C.*S.*H.* Railway Clerk.
 C.* Rural World.
 H.* St. Augustine's Parish Magazine.
 S.* St. Luke's Parish Magazine.
 C.*S.*H.* Sales and Wants Advertiser.
 C.* Stroud Green Parish Magazine.
 S. Studio.
 C.* Sugar Users' Journal.
 S.* Vegetarian Messenger.
 H.* Y.M.C.A. (Crouch End) Magazine.
 C.* Zoophilist.

QUARTERLY.

- C.*S.*H.* Anti-Slavery Reporter.
 C.* Herald of the Golden Age.
 C. Hibbert Journal.
 C.* H.* Travel.

RAILWAY TIME TABLES.

- C. S. H. A.B.C. Railway Guide.
 C. S. H. Bradshaw's Railway Guide.
 C.*S.*H.* Caledonian.
 H.* Glasgow and South Western.
 C.*S.*H.* Great Central.
 C.*S.*H.* Great Eastern.
 C.*S.*H.* Great Northern.
 C.*S.*H.* Great Western.
 C.*S.*H.* London and North Western.
 C.*S.*H.* London and South Western.
 C.*S.*H.* London, Brighton and South Coast.
 C.*S.*H.* Midland.
 C.*S.*H.* North British.
 C.*S.*H.* North Eastern.
 C.*S.*H.* South Eastern, Chatham and Dover.
 C.* L. C. C.'s Workmen's Trains, Trams, and Steam-boats.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year to 31st March, 1906.

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19th April, 1906.

BARROW FISH, Borough Treasurer.



BOROUGH OF HORNSEY.

EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE.

1906-7.

BOROUGH OF HORNSEY.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE.

9th November, 1906, to 9th November, 1907.

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ALDERMAN W. W. KELLAND, M.A.

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* MRS. H. PIGGOTT,

and

* MISS GRACE E. STUBBS.

* Books Sub-Committee.

† Lecture Sub-Committee.

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Borough Librarian :

THOS. JOHNSTON.

CENTRAL LIBRARY.

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Porter :

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SIDNEY A. RAWLES.

Evening Assistant :

HARRY W. MARSH.

HIGHGATE BRANCH LIBRARY.

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Assistant :

EDWARD DODD.

Evening Assistant :

ERNEST PETT.

EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Hornsey.

SIR AND GENTLEMEN,

The Public Libraries Committee have pleasure in submitting their Eighth Annual Report, containing a summary of the work of the Libraries during the year ended March 31st, 1907.

Committee.—The Committee re-elected Alderman J. W. W. Agnew to be their Chairman for the current year. On the re-appointment of the Committee by the Town Council on November 9th, 1906, the following changes were made in its composition. The Mayor (Alderman J. Scott Balfour, J.P.) became an *ex-officio* member, Alderman W. W. Kelland, M.A., was elected in place of Alderman B. D. Mackenzie, who resigned on his removal; Councillors F. J. How and J. J. Toyne were appointed in place of Councillors H. E. Cooper and E. A. Ebbelwhite; Mr. D. J. Chamberlin was co-opted on his ceasing to be a Councillor, and Mr. George Potter, Miss Grace E. Stubbs, and Mrs. H. Piggott (née Hunt-Cooke) were again co-opted as members.

Stock.—The Committee still continues the revision of the stock. As books become worn out they are withdrawn, and, if not considered to be of sufficient importance or interest, they are replaced by works of a higher class or more recent date. Additions have been made in all classes of literature, the most notable of which are volumes of the Dictionary of National Biography and Murray's New English Dictionary, which are being added to the Reference Library by instalments. During the past year 863 volumes became worn out, 661 of which (principally fiction) were not considered to be of sufficient importance to warrant replacement, leaving 202 replaced by new copies. In addition, 1,037 volumes were added by purchase or donation. The total number of volumes in the stock of the three Libraries is now 31,591, a net increase of 376 upon last year's total. A detailed classification is given in Table 1.

Issues.—The total number of books issued during the year just closed—323,635—shows a decrease of 11,452 upon the total of

last year. This is almost entirely due to the diminished demand for fiction, the percentage of which shows a steady decline. The figures for the last four years are as follows:—

Year.			Fiction per centage.			Decrease.
1903-4	...	...	72.16	...	...	—
1904-5	...	...	68.94	...	...	3.22
1905-6	...	...	66.05	...	...	2.89
1906-7	...	...	63.71	...	...	2.34

Whatever may be the cause for this decline, the Committee gladly records the fact that a substantial increase has occurred in the issues of nearly every other class of literature, including many kinds of books which may not be so easily accessible to the public in other ways as works of fiction.

Borrowers' Tickets.—The number of borrowers' tickets in force on March 31st, 1907, was 12,797, an increase of 388 upon that of last year. Although the number of ordinary tickets—9,504—shows a decrease of 331, this is more than balanced by the addition of 383 additional non-fiction tickets—making a total of 2,957 now in force—and 336 tickets issued to scholars on the recommendation of their Teachers.

Infectious Diseases.—During the year 505 notifications of infectious diseases were received from the Medical Officer of Health. Borrowers resided in 120 of these houses, and 205 volumes were taken by the Sanitary Authority and replaced by new copies.

Donations.—The Committee have tendered their cordial thanks to the Donors of books, periodicals, etc., mentioned in the list appended to this report.

Lectures.—The series of Lectures delivered at the Central Library during the winter months of last year have been most successful, the audiences numbering from 250 to 400 persons. The following is a list of the Lectures:—

Date.	Lecturer.	Subject.
1906.		
Oct. 11th.	R. H. Tawney, Esq., M.A.	"Walt Whitman."
Nov. 14th.	J. A. Steuart, Esq. ...	"Confessions of a Novelist."
Dec. 12th.	Oliver G. Pike, Esq. ..	"Through Birdland with a Camera" (with lantern illustrations).
1907.		
Jan. 9th.	H. H. Vivian, Esq., M.P.	"Garden Cities and Town Development" (with lantern illustrations).
Feb 13th.	T. C. Hodson, Esq. ...	"The Hill Tribes of East India" (with lantern illustrations).
Mar. 13th.	H. W. Fincham, Esq. ...	"Westminster Abbey" (with lantern illustrations.)

The Committee have expressed their cordial thanks to those gentlemen who have so freely given their services as Lecturers, to Mr. W. Bishop, of Stroud Green, for acting as Lanternist and providing the lantern and gas free of cost to the Committee, and to Miss McNamara, Head Mistress of the Council's School at Stroud Green, for volunteering at very short notice to take Mr. Bishop's place at the lantern on the occasion of the December lecture.

Libraries and Schools.—The Libraries and Schools Sub-Committee has held four meetings during the year, and has made many useful suggestions which have been adopted by the Education and Public Libraries Committees.

Scholars in the various schools maintained by the Council, who are recommended by the Head Teachers or School Librarians, are now granted tickets for borrowing books direct from the Public Libraries without obtaining the signature of a Ratepayer as guarantor. 336 of such tickets are now in force. Further, the Head Teachers or School Librarians are enabled to draw books from the Public Libraries to lend to scholars at the schools, thus supplementing their scholars' library. During the year 349 volumes have been so borrowed.

The Librarian of each School Library has been invited to prepare a list of such books in the Teachers' Reference Libraries as can conveniently be lent to other schools from time to time, in order to prevent an undue duplication of the books in the various libraries.

The Town Council having, on the recommendation of the Education Committee, altered No. 23 (b) of the Council's "General Rules for Schools," the lists of suggested additions to the Scholars' Libraries are now submitted to the Libraries and Schools Sub-Committee for consideration before being submitted to the Education Committee, and this method has been productive of good results. The Sub-Committee also made suggestions for additions to the Educational and Juvenile sections of the Public Libraries which were adopted by the Public Libraries Committee.

The number of books in the Scholars' Libraries now totals 2,505, an increase of 469 upon that of last year. Table 3 shows the number of scholars borrowing from each school library, the

number of volumes in stock, the number of volumes issued during the year, the average number issued each week, and the number of volumes which were borrowed from the Public Libraries in addition.

During the summer holidays the Borough Librarian examined the books in all the Scholars' Libraries, and had 263 volumes rebound, in addition to 461 volumes which were repaired by the Public Libraries staff.

Library Association Conferences.—The Borough Librarian attended the 29th Annual Conference of the Library Association held at Bradford from the 3rd to the 6th of September, 1906, and submitted to the Committee a report on the proceedings. Mr. George Potter and the Borough Librarian also attended, as the delegates of the Committee, a conference convened by the Library Association and held at 20, Hanover Square, W., on February 27th, 1907, to discuss the question of Public Libraries in regard to the purchase of "Net" Books.

Staff.—Mr. Archibald H. Yates, who was promoted from a Junior Assistant to the post of Second Senior Assistant at the Central Library, on the 1st of May last, left the service of the Town Council on December 31st, 1906, to take up a similar position in the Sunderland Public Library, Museum and Art Gallery, and Mr. Sidney Kirby, one of the Junior Assistants at the Stroud Green Branch Library, was transferred to the Central Library as Second Senior Assistant in his place.

A further re-arrangement of the junior staff, and the employment of an Evening Assistant at each of the Branch Libraries, has resulted in a considerable saving in the amount expended in salaries.

The Committee are pleased to place on record the fact that at the examination of the Library Association held at the London School of Economics in May last Mr. H. G. Sureties, of the Highgate Branch Library, passed in Practical Library Administration; Messrs. M. Clark and A. H. Yates, of the Central Library, passed in Library History and Organisation; and Mr. S. Kirby, of the Stroud Green Branch Library, passed in Classification and Cataloguing.

CENTRAL LIBRARY.

Stock.—The total number of volumes in the stock of the Central Library is 16,950, an increase of 121 upon the total of last year. The number of volumes withdrawn as worn out still continues large, the number for the past year being 489. 92 of these were replaced by new copies, the remainder being withdrawn altogether and their places taken by new books. A comparison of the classification given in Table 1 with that of last year will show that the stock of Fiction in this library has been decreased by 215 volumes, while the number of volumes in every other class of literature has been increased. 851 volumes were re-bound during the year.

Issues.—The issues from this library have been well maintained during the year. Although the total—174,977—shows a decrease of 1,344 from last year's total, the daily average issue—676—remains the same. The decrease has only taken place in the number of works of fiction issued—7,105 fewer being issued than last year—every other class showing a substantial increase. The percentage of works of fiction again shows a marked change in the class of books borrowed, being 62.15, as against 66.18, 69.15, and 71.64 of the previous three years. Fines numbering 16,025 and amounting to £128 7s. 3d. have been paid during the year; 1,572 postal notices sent requesting the return of overdue books; and 20 volumes lost or damaged have been replaced or paid for by their borrowers.

Borrowers' Tickets.—The number of ordinary tickets in force on the 31st of March, 1907, shows a slight decrease from last year's total, being 4,981 against 4,997, but the number of non-fiction tickets have increased from 1,259 to 1,643, and in addition 184 tickets have been issued to scholars on the recommendation of their Teachers, making a combined total of 6,808 as against 6,257 of last year

STROUD GREEN BRANCH LIBRARY.

Stock.—There have been 250 new books added to the stock of this library during the year. 242 volumes were withdrawn as worn out, 65 of which were replaced by new copies, making a total of 7,529 volumes now in stock, an increase of 73 upon last year's total. 372 volumes were re-bound during the year.

Issues.—The number of volumes issued during the year shows a decrease of 6,046, being 78,074 against 84,120, the largest decrease being one of 5,981 volumes of fiction. The percentage of works of fiction issued is 65.39, as against 66.77, 70.69, and 75.44 of the previous three years respectively. Fines numbering 8,097 and amounting to £55 19s. 1d. have been paid during the year; 524 overdue notices sent out; and 13 volumes lost or damaged have been replaced or paid for by their borrowers.

Borrowers' Tickets.—The number of tickets in force on March 31st, 1907, was 3,267, a decrease of 105 from the total of last year. The ordinary tickets number 2,465, non-fiction tickets 734, and scholars' tickets 68.

HIGHGATE BRANCH LIBRARY.

Stock.—The stock of this library now numbers 7,112 volumes, an increase of 182 over last year's total. 269 new books have been added, 45 worn out volumes replaced by new copies, and 87 withdrawn altogether. 302 volumes were re-bound during the year.

Issues.—There has been a decrease of 4,062 in the issue of books from this library, the total number issued being 65,133 against 69,195 of last year. The decrease, with one or two exceptions, has been fairly general in every class of literature. The percentage of works of fiction issued from this Library now stands at 64.49, as compared with 63.56, 66.33, and 69.57 of the three previous years. Fines numbering 5,543 and amounting to £48 1s. 3d. have been paid; 455 overdue notices sent out, and 5 books lost or damaged have been replaced or paid for.

Borrowers' Tickets.—The number of borrowers' tickets in force at this library also shows a reduction, being 2,722 as against 2,781 of last year. The ordinary tickets number 2,058, non-fiction tickets 580, and scholars' tickets 784.

J. W. W. AGNEW,
Chairman.

April 26th, 1907.

TABLE 1. The Stock of the Libraries on March 31st, 1907.

	Central Lending.	Central Reference.	Stroud Green.	Highgate.	Total
Science	1,013	203	376	531	2,123
Useful Arts	666	147	301	311	1,425
Fine and Recreative Arts	704	113	375	388	1,580
Social Science	609	345	330	283	1,567
Philosophy and Religion	806	28	287	347	1,468
History and Travel ...	1,920	463	1,119	944	4,446
Biography	1,270	90	834	769	2,963
Language and Literature	490	179	244	223	1,136
Poetry and the Drama...	607	15	357	302	1,281
Prose Fiction	4,480	8	2,490	2,277	9,255
Juvenile Literature ...	1,298	—	519	557	2,374
Miscellaneous Literature	1,194	302	261	140	1,897
Reference Works at Branches	—	—	36	40	76
	<u>15,057</u>	<u>1,893</u>	<u>7,529</u>	<u>7,112</u>	<u>31,591</u>

TABLE 2. The number of Books issued from the Libraries from the 1st of April, 1906, to the 31st of March, 1907.

	Central Lending.	Central Reference.	Stroud Green.	Highgate.	Total
Science	4,678	496	1,596	1,718	8,488
Useful Arts	3,348	607	1,069	1,055	6,079
Fine and Recreative Arts	4,903	271	1,842	1,713	8,729
Social Science	1,912	356	931	711	3,910
Philosophy and Religion	3,082	274	1,141	693	5,190
History and Travel ...	7,815	705	3,884	3,443	15,847
Biography	4,273	379	2,015	1,923	8,590
Language and Literature	1,834	469	727	611	3,641
Poetry and the Drama...	2,647	79	1,274	1,206	5,206
Prose Fiction	113,120	25	51,052	42,004	206,201
Juvenile Literature ...	22,265	—	9,117	7,936	39,318
Miscellaneous Literature	5,100	1,790	1,531	835	9,256
Reference Works at Branches	—	—	1,895	1,285	3,180
	<u>174,977</u>	<u>5,451</u>	<u>78,074</u>	<u>65,133</u>	<u>323,635</u>
Daily Average	658	18	292	244	1,212

TABLE 3. The number of borrowers from the Scholars' Libraries in each of the Schools, the number of volumes in Stock, the number of volumes issued, the weekly average, and the number of volumes borrowed from the Public Libraries.

School.	No. of Borrowers.	Vols. in Stock.	Vols. Issued.	Weekly Average.	From the Public Libraries
Campsbourne	256	400	6,365	166	53
Higher Elementary	140	487	1,780	60	6
North Harringay	360	391	6,577	169	202
South Harringay	117	140	2,201	50	6
Crouch End	313	321	2,879	82	—
Highgate	80	365	1,362	34	—
Stroud Green	246	319	3,689	90	82
St. James's Muswell Hill	80	82	1,344	29	—
	<u>1,592</u>	<u>2,505</u>	<u>26,197</u>	<u>680</u>	<u>349</u>

LIST OF DONORS.

	VOLS.		VOLS.
Agnew, Mrs. J. W. W., Hornsey ...	1	Haviland, E. J., Stroud Green, "The Dickensian" as published to the 3 libraries	16
Agriculture and Fisheries, Board of	1	Hensy, Miss L., Muswell Hill ...	1
Armstrong College, Newcastle-on-Tyne	1	Higgins, Very Rev. Dom., Stroud Green, "Catholic Fireside" as published	1
Bridge, J. H., Stroud Green	1	Hornsey Town Council, "Minutes of Proceedings" as published to the 3 libraries	10
British Museum Trustees	1	Jones, S., Hornsey	1
British Women's Temperance Association, "The White Ribbon" as published	1	Kelland, Alderman W. W., Crouch End	1
Brown, H. J., Highgate	134	King's College, London	1
Bumstead, W., Highgate, "English Churchman" as published	2	Kitchener, S. W., Hornsey, "T. P.'s Weekly" as published	2
Chamberlin, D. J., Crouch End ... and "Municipal Journal" as published	1	Layton, Messrs. C. and E., London	1
City and Guilds of London Institute	1	Leeds University	1
College of Preceptors, London ...	1	London Directory Co., London ...	1
Craig, J. A., Muswell Hill, "Great Thoughts" as published to the Highgate Branch Library	1	London University	2
Durham College of Medicine	1	London University College	1
Edmonton Guardians, "Minutes of Proceedings" as published to the 3 libraries	7	Lovegrove, E. J., Highgate	3
Edwards, T. P., Enfield	1	Macdonald, W., and Co., Edinburgh	340
Farquharson, Alderman J. R., Crouch End, "The Commonwealth" as published to the Central and Stroud Green Libraries	1	Macleod, E. D., Crouch Hill	3
Fish, T., Stroud Green, "The Montreal Witness" as published to the Stroud Green Branch Library	1	Marcham, F., Hornsey	1
Giles, Miss B., Hornsey	1	Mather and Crowther, Ltd., London	1
Glasgow University	1	Metropolitan Water Board, "Minutes of Proceedings" as published	2
Godward, W. A., Stroud Green, "Poor Law Officers' Journal" as published	2	Middlesex Education Committee ...	1
Great Western Railway Co.	2	Milthorpe, B., Hornsey	1
Greenwood, Dr. A., Crouch End ...	2	National Service League, London, "National Service Journal" as published	1
Hampton, Messrs., and Co., London	1	New Zealand Government	1
Hare, Dr. E. H., Hornsey	26	Newcombe, F., Muswell Hill ...	1
		North Eastern Railway Co.	1
		Notley, F. S., Hornsey	1
		Nova Scotia, Agent General, London	2
		Paton, J. and J., London	3
		Polytechnic Touring Association ...	1
		Pratt, E. A., London	1

Queen's College, Belfast	...	1	Watkins, Miss A., Crouch End	...	14
St. Louis International Exhibition	...	1	Watson, C. N., London	...	1
Savage, J., Highgate	...	1	Western Australia, Agent General,	...	1
Sherlock, F., Hornsey, "The Record"	...	1	London	...	1
and English Churchman" as published			Wheeler, J., Highgate	...	1
Sloper, Alderman E. W., Stroud Green, "Field," "Gentlewoman," "Lady's Field," and "Madame" as published to the Stroud Green Branch Library			Whyte, Councillor J. F., Highgate, "The Daily News" as published to the Highgate Branch Library		
Townend, Mrs., Hornsey	...	60	Wiltshire, W. H., Crouch Hill	...	6
Toyne, Councillor J. J., Highgate, "Gardener's Magazine" as published to the 3 libraries			Town Clerks of the following places sent illustrated guides to same:—		
Tribune, Publishers of the, London, "The Tribune" daily as published for 6 months, to the Central Library			Bexhill, Bournemouth, Broad stairs, Carnarvon, Clacton, Clifton, Deal, Dorking, Eastbourne, Falmouth, Harwich, Hastings, Ilfracombe, Leamington Spa, Llandridod Wells, Lowestoft, Salisbury, Southend, Southport, Southwold, Tenby, Tunbridge Wells, Weston-super-Mare, Weymouth, and Woodhall Spa.		
University Library, Aberdeen	...	1			
Urquhart, J., Edinburgh	...	1			

Library Magazines or Reports have been received from the following Libraries:—

Aberdeen, Ashton-under-Lyne, Aston Manor, Barrow-in-Furness, Belfast, Birmingham, Blackburn, Bournemouth, Brighton, Bristol, Bromley (Kent), Cambridge, Cardiff, Chorley, Cork, Croydon, Darlington, Derby, Dundee, Ealing, Folkestone, Gloucester, Gosport, Hanley, Hove, Kensal Rise, Kettering, Kidderminster, Kimberley, S.A., Leicester, Leyton, London—Battersea, Cripplegate, Finsbury, Fulham, Hammersmith, St. Brides', Shoreditch, Stoke Newington, Wandsworth, Westminster—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Norwich, Nottingham, Penarth, Perth, Plymouth, Port Elizabeth, S.A., Portsmouth, Preston, Richmond, Rothwell, St. Helen's, Salford, South Shields, Stockport, Tottenham, Tynemouth, Walthamstow, Watford, West Bromwich, Wigan, Willesden, Wimbledon, Worcester, Yarmouth, and York.

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS.

The Newspapers, Periodicals and Time Tables marked * in the following lists are presented by their respective Proprietors, Publishers, or others.

Abbreviations used:—C., Central Library; S., Stroud Green; H., Highgate.

DAILY.

C. S. H. Daily Chronicle.	H. Globe.
C.* Daily Express.	C.*S.*H.* Islington Gazette.
H. Daily Graphic.	S. Morning Leader.
H. Daily Mail.	S. Morning Post.
C. H.* Daily News.	C. Pall Mall Gazette.
H. Daily Standard.	C.* Parliamentary Debates.
C. Daily Telegraph.	C. S. H. Times.
S. Evening Standard and St. James's Gazette.	C. S. H. Westminster Gazette.

WEEKLY.

C. Academy.	C.*S.*H.* Civil Service Hints.
C.*S.*H.* Aspirant.	C.*S.*H.* Civil Service Weekly.
C. S. H. Athenæum.	C.* Civilian.
C.*S.*H.* Australasian Trading World.	C.*S.*H.* Clarion.
S.* Autocar.	C.*S.*H.* Commercial Motor.
S.* Black and White.	C.*S.*H.* Cycling.
C.* British Architect.	C.* Electrical Engineering.
C.*S.*H.* British Australasian.	C.* Electrician.
C. H. Builder.	C. Engineer.
C.* Canada.	C.* H.* English Churchman.
S.* Catholic Fireside.	C. English Mechanic.
C.*S.*H.* Christian.	C. S. H. Exchange and Mart (C. Fridays, S. Wednesdays, H. Mondays).
C.* Christian Life.	S.* Field.
C.* Christian World.	H.* Finchley Free Press.
C.* Church Family Newspaper.	C. Gardener's Chronicle.
C.* Church Times.	
C.*S.*H.* Civil Service Competitor.	

- C.*S.*H.* Gardener's Magazine.
 H. Gardening.
 S.* Gentlewoman.
 H. Graphic.
 H.* Great Thoughts.
 C.* Guardian.
 C.*S.*H.* Hampstead and Highgate Express.
 H.* Highgate Times.
 C.*S.* Holloway and Hornsey Press.
 C.*S.*H.* Hornsey and Finsbury Park Journal.
 C.* Hornsey and Muswell Hill Times.
 C.* Illustrated Official Journal of Patents.
 S. Illustrated London News.
 C.*S.*H.* Islington News.
 C. S.* Lady's Field.
 S. Lady's Pictorial.
 C.* Laundry Journal.
 C.* Local Government Journal.
 C.* Local Government Officer.
 C.*S.*H.* London Argus.
 S.* Madame.
 H.* Monitor.
 S.* Montreal Weekly Witness.
 C.*S.*H.* Motor.
 C.*S.*H.* Motor Boat.
 C.* Motor Traction.
 C.* Municipal Journal.
 H.* Muswell Hill Press.
 S.* Natal Witness.
 C. Nature.
 C.*S.*H.* North Middlesex Chronicle.
 S. Notes and Queries.
 C.* Poor Law Officers' Journal.
 C. S. H. Punch.
 H. Queen.
 C.*S.*H.* Railway News.
 C.*S.*H.* Railway Review.
 C.* Record.
 H. Saturday Review.
 C. S. H. Spectator.
 C. Sphere.
 C.*S.*H.* Surveyor.
 C.* T.P.'s Weekly.
 C.*S.*H.* Temperance Chronicle.
 C. Truth.
 S. Work.

FORTNIGHTLY.

- C.* H.* Certificate Examiner.
 C.*S.*H.* Edmonton Guardians Minutes.
 C.*S.*H.* University Correspondent

MONTHLY.

- H.* All the World.
 C. Art Journal.
 C. Bookseller.
 C.* Brown's Advertiser.
 C.* Canadian Life.
 C.* Catholic Fireside (monthly part).
 C.*S.* Commonwealth.
 S. Contemporary Review.
 C.*S.*H.* Cook's Travellers' Gazette.
 C.*S.*H.* Delineator.
 C.*S.*H.* Dickensian.
 C.*S.*H.* Educational Times.
 C. Fortnightly Review.
 C.*S.*H.* Great Western Railway Magazine.
 C.* Herald of the Cross.
 C.* Herald of Health.
 C.* Home.
 C.* Hornsey Parish Church Magazine.
 C.*S.*H.* Hornsey Town Council Minutes.
 C.*S.*H.* Humanitarian.
 H. Independent Review (now the Albany Review).
 H.* Indian Sociologist.
 C. Journal of Education.
 C.* Labour Gazette.
 C.*S.*H.* Land and Labour.
 C.*S.*H.* London Crusader.
 C.*S.*H.* London Temperance Times.
 C.* Metropolitan Water Board Minutes.
 S. Monthly Review.
 C.* H.* Musical Herald.
 C.* National Deposit Friendly Society's Journal.
 C. S. H. National Home Reading Union Magazine.
 C. National Review.
 C.*S.*H.* National Service Journal.
 C.*S.*H.* New Church Magazine.
 C.*S.* Nonconformist Musical Journal.
 H. Nineteenth Century and After.
 H.* Patents.
 C.* Printer's Register.
 C.*S.*H.* Railway Clerk.
 C.* Rural World.
 H.* St. Augustine's Parish Magazine.
 S.* St. Luke's Parish Magazine.
 C.*S.*H.* Sales and Wants Advertiser.
 C.* Script Phonographic Journal.
 C.* State Correspondent.
 S. Studio.
 C.* Sugar Users' Journal.
 S.* Temperance Times.
 S.* Vegetarian Messenger.
 C.* Vulcan.
 C.* White Ribbon.
 C.* H.* Y.M.C.A. (Crouch End) Magazine.
 C.*S.*H.* Woodworker.
 C.* Zoophilist.

QUARTERLY.

- C.*S.*H.* Anti-Slavery Reporter.
 C.* Herald of the Golden Age.
 C. Hibbert Journal.
 C.* H.* Travel.

RAILWAY TIME TABLES.

- C. S. H. A.B.C. Railway Guide.
 C. S. H. Bradshaw's Railway Guide.
 C.*S.*H.* Caledonian.
 H.* Glasgow and South Western.
 C.*S.*H.* Great Central.
 C.*S.*H.* Great Eastern.
 C.*S.*H.* Great Northern.
 C.*S.*H.* Great Western.
 C.*S.*H.* London and North Western.
 C.*S.*H.* London and South Western.
 C.*S.*H.* London, Brighton and South Coast.
 C.*S.*H.* Midland.
 C.*S.*H.* North British.
 C.*S.*H.* North Eastern.
 C.*S.*H.* South Eastern, Chatham and Dover.
 C.* L. C. C.'s Workmen's Trains, Trams, and Steam-boats.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year to 31st March, 1907.

RECEIPTS—					PAYMENTS—				
Central. £ s. d.	Stroud Green. £ s. d.	Highgate. £ s. d.	Total. £		Central. £ s. d.	Stroud Green. £ s. d.	Highgate. £ s. d.	Total. £	
Balance in hand 1st April, 1906 ...	...	...	5 10 0	New Books ...	...	...	...	...
Fines and Bspoken Books ...	129 2 3	56 2 6	233 8 2	Newspapers and Periodicals ...	...	23 7 10	18 3 7	19 6 5
Subscriptions and Donation ...	1 2 6	...	1 17 6	Printing and Stationery ...	...	25 9 2	16 17 4	18 7 4
Borrowers' Replacements and Damages	2 4 4	1 0 6	3 15 4	Binding Books ...	...	48 9 6	21 3 4	23 1 4
Sales of Papers and Waste Paper ...	2 10 8	2 2 4	6 8 1	Furniture and Fittings ...	...	...	1 0 0	1 0 0
Bookmark Advertisements ...	36 8 0	29 0 6	86 5 0	Bookmark Advertisements ...	...	24 16 6	15 12 0	15 14 3
Periodical Cover Advertisements ...	20 16 0	15 19 0	46 4 0	Periodical Cover Advertisement ...	...	11 2 3	6 14 0	6 0 3
Sale of Catalogues ...	1 0	...	1 0	Coal, Coke and Firewood ...	...	31 9 3	9 15 4	5 0 11
Replacement of Infected Books ...	13 19 0	7 0 1	24 4 1	Lighting ...	...	61 8 4	26 2 8	27 2 2
	206 3 9	111 4 11	407 14 0	Rates, Taxes, Water and Insurance ...	...	38 18 5	20 17 11	22 14 1
Contribution from Borough Fund, ½ year to 30th Sep., 1906	...	...	1,237 10 0	Repairs and Renewals ...	...	19 19 7	16 4 9	2 17 7
" " " " " " " " " " " "	...	...	1,246 10 0	Cleaning ...	...	34 0 5	29 2 7	29 11 7
Arrears of Rate collected since 31st March, 1906	...	...	2,484 0 0	Salaries and Wages ...	...	579 6 4	170 1 2	182 12 0
	...	...	24 0 9	Establishment Charges ...	...	16 11 0	6 7 6	6 7 6
Balance overdrawn at March 31st, 1907 ...	...	...	£2,915 14 9	Interest on and Repayment of Loans ...	...	1,018 11 9	407 4 9	408 0 6
	...	...	7 11 1		...	449 3 10	314 8 7	325 16 5
	£2,923 5 10		...	1,467 15 7	721 13 4	733 16 11	

BARROW FISH, Borough Treasurer.

19th April, 1907.



BOROUGH OF HORNSEY.

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BOROUGH OF HORNSEY.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE.

9th November, 1907, to 9th November, 1908.

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NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Hornsey.

SIR AND GENTLEMEN,

The Members of the Public Libraries Committee have pleasure in submitting their Ninth Annual Report, which deals with the work of the Libraries during the year ended the 31st March, 1908.

Stock.—The stock of the three Libraries has been increased by 177 volumes, the number of volumes being 31,768 as against 31,591 of last year. Worn-out books to the number of 1,022 were withdrawn, 281 of them being replaced by new copies of the same works. In addition to these replacements, 918 volumes were added by purchase or donation. Among these additions are the remainder of the volumes of the Dictionary of National Biography, and 68 works in the French Language, which are being issued to holders of Non-fiction tickets as well as to others, in order to encourage the study of that language.

A detailed classification of the stock is given in Table 1.

Issues.—The number of books issued during the year shows the large decrease of 31,573 volumes from the total of the previous year, the figures being 292,062 as against 323,635. This decrease may be accounted for by the fact that the Central Library was closed for over a fortnight in July for the installation of the Electric Light, and advantage was taken of the necessary closing to call in all the books and take stock. The Branch Libraries at Stroud Green and Highgate were also closed for one week in August for the purpose of stocktaking, and it appears that many readers have not resumed their borrowing privileges, as 23,869 fewer works of fiction were issued than in the previous year. The steady decline in the percentage of works of fiction issued still continues. The figures for the last five years are as follows:—

Year.	Fiction percentage.					Decrease.
1903-4	72.16	...	...	--
1904-5	68.94	...	...	3.22
1905-6	66.05	...	...	2.89
1906-7	63.71	...	...	2 34
1907-8	62.43	...	...	1.28

Borrowers' Tickets.—Although the number of books issued has decreased, the number of Borrowers' tickets in force has increased by 678, 446 being ordinary tickets, 94 non-fiction tickets (which enable readers to borrow a work of fiction and one from another class at the same time), and 138 Scholars' tickets. The number in force on March 31st, 1908, was 13,475, as against 12,797 of the previous year.

Infectious Diseases.—During the year 384 notifications of infectious diseases were received from the Medical Officer of Health. Borrowers resided in 90 of the houses reported upon, and 101 volumes were taken by the Sanitary Authority and replaced by new copies.

Donations.—The Committee have tendered their cordial thanks to the Donors of books, periodicals, etc., mentioned in the list appended to this Report.

Lectures.—The following Lectures have been delivered at the Central Library during the winter months:—

Date.	Lecturer.	Subject.
1907.		
Oct. 9th.—	Rev. J. C. Adlard	"Dean Swift: Parson, Politician and Satirist."
Nov. 6th.—	R. Marshman Wattson, Esq. ...	*"Stones of English History."
Dec. 4th.—	Rev. John Brown, D.D.	"John Bunyan and the Pilgrim's Progress."
Dec. 18th.—	Frank W. Baxter, Esq.	*"Animals at the Zoo."
	(Special Lecture to Children).	
1908.		
Jan. 8th.—	J. A. Hammerton, Esq.	"Scottish Character in Barrie's Books."
Feb. 12th.—	T. R. Croger, Esq., F.R.G.S., &c.	*"Shakespeare and Old London."
Mar. 12th.—	Henry Kenwood, Esq. M.D. ...	*"How the House Fly and Mosquito spread disease."

* These Lectures were illustrated by means of the Lantern.

The Lectures have again been most successful, and much appreciated by audiences numbering from 160 to 400 persons. Lists of books in the Libraries dealing with the subjects of the Lectures were compiled by the Borough Librarian and printed on the back of the ticket of admission.

The Special Lecture for children on December 18th, 1907, was an experiment, and proved highly successful. The Mayoress of Hornsey (Mrs. E. Willmott Sloper) presided. In reply to a circular letter addressed to the public and private Schools in the Borough there were 2,100 applications for tickets, in addition to about 400 or 500 applied for at the Libraries. The available tickets (500) were divided between the various Schools and Libraries in proportion to the number of applications received.

The Committee have expressed their cordial thanks to those gentlemen who have so freely given their services as Lecturers, to Mr. Bishop, of Stroud Green, for acting as Lanternist and providing the lantern and gas free of cost for the Lectures on November 6th, 1907, February 12th, and March 12th, 1908, and to Mr. W. E. Harding, of Muswell Hill, for acting as Lanternist for the Children's Lecture on December 18th, 1907.

Libraries and Schools.—The Libraries and Schools Subcommittee has held four Meetings during the year, and has compiled lists of suggested additions to the Educational and Juvenile Sections of the Public Libraries, and the Scholars' Libraries in the various Schools.

The number of books in the Scholars' Libraries shows a slight decrease from the total of last year, being 2,490 as against 2,505. This is due to the fact that some books have been withdrawn as worn out, and that the books to be purchased with the 1907 grant had not been added before the 31st March, 1908.

Table 3 gives particulars of each School Library.

During the summer holidays the Borough Librarian examined the books in all the Scholars' Libraries, and had 403 volumes repaired by the Public Libraries staff and 91 volumes re-bound.

Loan Collection of Photographs.—The North Middlesex Photographic Society has lent to the Libraries Committee a valuable collection of photographs of important and ancient buildings and other objects of interest in the north part of the County of Middlesex. The collection now numbers over 200 prints, all of which are mounted, catalogued and stored in boxes in the Reference Department, where they may be referred to in the ordinary way. The Chairman (Alderman Agnew) has presented the boxes for their storage, and also two large frames, in order that a selection of the photographs may be exhibited on the walls in the corridor of the Central Library each month.

Readers' Review.—The Committee have made an arrangement with the National Home Reading Union whereby the "Readers' Review" issued monthly by the Union becomes the "local" Magazine of the Hornsey Public Libraries. The purpose of the Magazine is to supply the reading public in the Borough with useful information regarding the Libraries and their work,

and to record the additions of new books made from time to time. In addition to the four pages devoted to this local matter, the "Review" contains sixteen pages of literary news, articles written by persons of authority, notes on books, etc. The Committee subscribe for 500 copies each month, and the magazine, which is on sale at the Libraries at the price of one penny per copy, has been well received by the Borrowers, and promises to be a valuable aid to them in their choice of books.

Library Association Conference.—The Borough Librarian attended the 30th Annual Conference of the Library Association held at Glasgow from the 15th to the 18th of September, 1907, and submitted to the Committee a report of the proceedings and papers.

Staff.—The Committee place on record the fact that at the examination of the Library Association held in London from May 6th to 10th, 1907, Mr. J. G. Faraday, Stroud Green Branch Library, passed with merit in Practical Library Administration, and Messrs. Montague Clark and Sydney W. Kitchener, of the Central Library, passed in Practical Library Administration and Library History and Organisation respectively.

CENTRAL LIBRARY.

Stock.—The total number of volumes in the Central Library is now 17,111, an increase of 161 upon the total of last year. The number of volumes withdrawn was not so large as last year, being 356 as against 489. Of these 103 were replaced by new copies. A comparison of the classification given in Table 1 with that given last year will show that the number of volumes in every class of literature except fiction has been increased. 558 volumes were re-bound during the year.

Issues.—There has been a decrease of 24,717 in the number of volumes issued from this Library during the year, the total being 156,193 as against 174,977 of last year, a daily average of 604. A decrease has taken place in every class of literature, but greatest in fiction, 20,080 fewer volumes being issued than last year. The percentage of fiction issued shows a reduction of 2.62 from last year, being 59.53 against 62.15. Fines numbering 12,347 and amounting to £98 9s. 4½d. have been paid during the year;

1,148 postal notices sent requesting the return of overdue books; and 17 volumes lost or damaged have been replaced or paid for by their Borrowers.

Borrowers' Tickets.—The number of ordinary tickets in force on March 31st, 1908, was 5,234, an increase of 253 upon last year's total; non-fiction tickets show a decrease of 36, the total being 1,607; and an increase of 138 in the number of Scholars' tickets brings that total to 322; making a combined total of 7,163 as against 6,808 on the same date last year.

Re-decoration and Installation of the Electric Light.
—In May, 1907, the Committee considered the question of repairs and re-decoration necessary at the Central Library, and decided that before this was done it was desirable that the building should be equipped with the Electric Light.

The Library and Reading Rooms were closed for this purpose from Thursday, July 19th, to Monday, August 5th, and the work was carried out by a Contractor under the supervision of the Borough Electrical Engineer, and the result has been a great improvement in the lighting of the rooms and a slight decrease in the cost compared with gas lighting.

At the same time the whole of the interior of the building was thoroughly re-decorated by the Council's staff of workmen under the direction of the Borough Engineer and Surveyor.

STROUD GREEN BRANCH LIBRARY.

Stock.—There have been 191 new books added to the stock of this Branch Library during the year, while 516 volumes were withdrawn, 164 of which were replaced by new copies, making a total of 7,368 now in stock, a decrease of 161 from last year's total. 425 volumes have been re-bound during the year.

Issues.—The decrease in the number of books issued during the year amounts to 4,589 volumes, 1,999 of which were fiction. The total number issued was 73,485, a daily average of 276, as against 78,074 and a daily average of 292 for last year. The percentage of works of fiction issued shows a slight increase, being 66.75 against 65.39. Fines numbering 5,805, amounting to

£44 14s. 11½d., have been paid; 564 overdue notices sent out; and 15 books lost or damaged and paid for by their Borrowers.

Borrowers' Tickets.—The number of Borrowers' tickets in force on March 31st, 1908, was 3,429, an increase of 162 upon last year. 2,561 of these are ordinary tickets, 801 non-fiction, and 67 issued to Scholars on the recommendation of their Teachers.

HIGHGATE BRANCH LIBRARY.

Stock.—The number of volumes now in this Branch Library is 7,289, an increase of 177 volumes. 210 new books have been added, while 47 have been withdrawn, 14 of which were replaced by new copies. 440 volumes were re-bound during the year.

Issues.—The number of books issued shows a decrease of 2,749, of which 1,790 are works of fiction. The total number issued was 62,384, a daily average of 233, as against 65,133 and a daily average of 244 last year. The percentage of works of fiction issued is practically the same, being 64.31 against 64.49. Fines numbering 5,493, amounting to £47 2s. 8d., have been paid during the year; 320 overdue notices sent out; and 5 books lost by Borrowers paid for.

Borrowers' Tickets.—The number of tickets now in force stands at 2,883, an increase of 161 upon the total of last year. 2,155 of these are ordinary tickets, 643 non-fiction, and 85 issued to Scholars.

J. W. W. AGNEW,
Chairman.

TABLE 1. The Stock of the Libraries on March 31st, 1908.

	Central Lending.	Central Reference.	Stroud Green.	Highgate.	Total
Science	1,027	206	378	540	2,151
Useful Arts	670	148	302	324	1,444
Fine and Recreative Arts	708	116	378	395	1,597
Social Science	639	359	322	287	1,607
Philosophy and Religion	822	37	293	356	1,508
History and Travel ...	1,953	474	1,075	990	4,492
Biography	1,287	151	843	788	3,069
Language and Literature	574	179	254	235	1,242
Poetry and the Drama ...	621	16	368	309	1,314
Prose Fiction	4,305	8	2,319	2,317	8,949
Juvenile Literature ...	1,274	—	537	562	2,373
Miscellaneous Literature	1,219	318	263	146	1,946
Reference Works at Branches	—	—	36	40	76
	<u>15,099</u>	<u>2,012</u>	<u>7,368</u>	<u>7,289</u>	<u>31,768</u>

TABLE 2. The number of Books issued from the Libraries from the 1st of April, 1907, to the 31st of March, 1908.

	Central Lending.	Central Reference.	Stroud Green.	Highgate.	Total
Science	4,143	549	1,401	1,663	7,756
Useful Arts	3,205	602	1,000	1,110	5,917
Fine and Recreative Arts	4,540	430	1,807	1,752	8,529
Social Science	1,875	450	910	700	3,935
Philosophy and Religion	2,938	258	961	743	4,900
History and Travel ...	7,688	910	3,340	3,328	15,266
Biography	3,812	465	1,948	2,112	8,337
Language and Literature	1,774	627	687	711	3,799
Poetry and the Drama ...	2,548	146	1,311	1,105	5,110
Prose Fiction	93,040	15	49,053	40,224	182,332
Juvenile Literature ...	19,745	—	8,369	6,975	35,089
Miscellaneous Literature	4,952	1,481	1,293	795	8,521
Reference Works at Branches	—	—	1,405	1,166	2,571
	<u>150,260</u>	<u>5,933</u>	<u>73,485</u>	<u>62,384</u>	<u>292,062</u>
Daily Average	584	20	276	235	1,115

TABLE 3. The number of borrowers from the Scholars' Libraries in each of the Schools, the number of volumes in stock, the number of volumes issued, the weekly average, and the number of volumes borrowed from the Public Libraries.

School.	No. of Borrowers.	Vols. in Stock.	Vols. Issued.	Weekly Average.	From the Public Libraries
Campsbourne	186	376	3,396	84	40
*Higher Elementary ...	100	534	450	15	2
North Harringay ...	359	388	6,217	168	194
South Harringay ...	160	130	2,651	73	4
Crouch End	344	315	3,571	93	—
Highgate	140	360	1,643	36	6
Stroud Green	273	319	3,385	84	100
St. James's, Muswell Hill	70	68	2,000	43	13
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	1,532	2,490	23,313	596	359
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* From April 1st to December 31st, 1907, only.

LIST OF DONORS OF BOOKS.

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Brackenbury, Councillor H. B., Stroud Green.
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Milthorpe, Mrs., Hornsey.
National Union of Teachers, London.
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Pratt, E. A., Farnborough, Kent.
Schooling, J. H., London.
Smith, Wellen, London.
Stubbs Publishing Company, London.
Wheldon, R. H., Crouch End.
Wise, Messrs., London.

The Town Clerks of the following places sent illustrated guides to same :—

Basingstoke, Bexhill, Beckenham, Bournemouth, Carnarvon, Chichester, Christchurch, Clifton, Clacton, Croydon, Deal, Dorking, Dovercourt, Ealing, Eastbourne, Epsom, Falmouth, Finchley, Fulham, Great Yarmouth, Guernsey, Hampton Court, Harwich, Hastings, Ilfracombe, Ilkley, Inverness, Jersey, Kingston-on-Thames, Leamington, Lewes, Llandrindod Wells, Lowestoft, Lynton, Lyndhurst, Malvern, North Berwick, Rhyl, Richmond-on-Thames, Ringwood, Romsey (Hants.), Salisbury, Skegness, Southend, Southgate, Southport, Southwold, Tenby, Weston-super-Mare, Weymouth, Woodford, and Woodhall Spa.

Library Magazines or Reports have been received from the following Libraries:—

Aberdeen, Accrington, Ashton-under-Lyne, Aston Manor, Belfast, Blackburn, Bolton, Boodle, Bournemouth, Bristol, Bromley (Kent), Cambridge, Cardiff, Chiswick, Chorley, Cork, Croydon, Derby, Dundee, Ealing, Gloucester, Hove, Kensal Rise, Kettering, Leeds, Leicester, Leyton, London—Battersea, Bishopsgate Institute, Cripplegate, Finsbury, Hammersmith, St. Brides', Shoreditch, Stoke Newington, Wandsworth, Westminster—, Maidenhead, Manchester, Montrose, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Norwich, Nottingham, Paisley, Penarth, Perth, Port Elizabeth (S.A.), Portsmouth, Preston, Richmond, Rothwell, St. Lelen's, Salem (U.S.A.), Salford, South Shields, Stockport, Tottenham, Twickenham, Watford, West Bromwich, Wigan, Willesden, Wimbledon, Wolverhampton, Worcester, Workington, Yarmouth, and York.

DONORS OF PERIODICAL PUBLICATIONS.

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Chamberlin, D. J., Crouch End.	Lindsay, Miss, Highgate.
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Edmonton Guardians.	National Service League.
Fish, T., Stroud Green.	Sherlock, F., Hornsey.
Haviland, E. T., Stroud Green.	Sloper, Alderman E. W. (Mayor of Hornsey).
Higgins, Very Rev. G., Stroud Green.	Stubbs, Miss, Highgate.
Hornsey Branch of the Independent Labour Party.	Toyne, Councillor J. J., Highgate.
Hornsey Town Council.	Whyte, Councillor J. F., Highgate.
Johnston, T., Hornsey.	And the proprietors and publishers of various periodicals.
Kelland, Alderman W. W., Highgate.	

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS.

The Newspapers, Periodicals, and Times Tables marked * in the following lists are presented.

Abbreviations used:—C., Central Library; S., Stroud Green; H., Highgate.

DAILY.

C. S. H. Daily Chronicle.	C.*S.*H.* Islington Gazette.
C.* Daily Express.	S. Morning Leader.
H. Daily Graphic.	S. Morning Post.
H. Daily Mail.	C. Pall Mall Gazette.
C. H.* Daily News.	C.* Parliamentary Debates.
C. Daily Telegraph.	H. Standard.
S. Evening Standard and St. James's Gazette.	C. S. H. Times.
H. Globe.	C. S. H. Westminster Gazette.

WEEKLY.

C. Academy.	C.*S.*H.* Civil Service Weekly.
C. Amateur Gardening.	C.* Civilian.
C.*S.*H.* Aspirant.	C.* H.* Clarion.
C. S. H. Athenæum.	C.*S.*H.* Commercial Motor.
C.*S.*H.* Australasian World.	C.*S.*H.* Cycling.
S.* Autocar.	C.* Education.
S.* Black and White.	C.* Electrical Engineering.
C.* Bournemouth Visitors' Directory.	C.* Electrician.
C.* British Architect.	C. Engineer.
C. H. Builder.	H.* English Churchman.
C.* Canada.	C. English Mechanic.
S.* Catholic Fireside.	C. S. H. Exchange and Mart (C. Fridays, S. Wednesdays, H. Mondays).
S.* Catholic Times.	S.* Field.
C.*S.*H.* Christian.	C.* H.* Finchley Press.
C.* Christian World.	C.*S.*H.* Gardener's Magazine.
C.* Church Family Newspaper.	H. Gardening.
C.* Church Times.	S.* Gentlewoman.
C.*S.*H.* Civil Service Competitor.	H. Graphic.
C.*S.*H.* Civil Service Hints.	

- C.* Great Thoughts.
 C.* Guardian.
 C.*S.*H.* Hampstead and Highgate Express.
 C.*S.*H.* Holloway and Hornsey Press.
 C.*S.*H.* Hornsey Journal.
 C.* Illustrated Official Journal of Patents.
 S. Illustrated London News.
 C.*S.*H.* Islington News.
 C.*S.*H.* Labour Leader.
 C.*S.* Lady's Field.
 S. Lady's Pictorial.
 C.* Laundry Journal.
 C.*S.*H.* Local Government Journal.
 C.*S.*H.* Local Government Officer.
 S.* Madame.
 H.* Monitor.
 S.* Montreal Weekly Witness.
 C.*S.*H.* Motor.
 C.*S.*H.* Motor Boat.
 C.* Motor Traction.
 C.*S.*H.* Municipal Gazette.
 C.* Municipal Journal.
 C.* Nature.
 C.* Newcastle Weekly Chronicle.
 C.*S.*H.* North Middlesex Chronicle.
 S. Notes and Queries.
 C.*S.*H.* Punch.
 H. Queen.
 C.*S.*H.* Railway News.
 C.*S.*H.* Railway Review.
 C.* Record.
 H. Saturday Review.
 C.*S.*H.* Spectator.
 C.* Sphere.
 C.*S.*H.* Surveyor.
 C.* T.P.'s Weekly.
 C.*S.*H.* Temperance Chronicle.
 S.* Times of Natal.
 C.* Truth.
 C.*S.*H.* Women's Franchise.
 S.* Work.

FORTNIGHTLY.

- C.* H.* Certificate Examiner.
 C.*S.*H.* Edmonton Guardians Minutes.
 C.*S.*H.* University Correspondent

MONTHLY.

- C.* H.* Agricultural Economist.
 H. Albany Review.
 H.* All the World.
 C. Art Journal
 C. Bookseller.
 C.* Canadian Life.
 C.* Catholic Fireside (monthly part).
 S. Contemporary Review.
 C.*S.*H.* Cook's Travellers' Gazette.
 C.*S.*H.* Delineator.
 C.*S.*H.* Dickensian.
 C.*S.*H.* Educational Times.
 C. Fortnightly Review.
 C.*S.*H.* Great Western Railway Magazine.
 C.* Herald of the Cross.
 C.* Herald of Health.
 C.* Holy Trinity, Stroud Green, Parish Magazine.
 C.*S.*H.* Hornsey Town Council Minutes.
 C.*S.*H.* Humanitarian.
 C. Journal of Education.
 C.* Labour Gazette.
 C.*S.*H.* Land and Labour.
 C.*S.*H.* London Crusader.
 C.*S.*H.* London Temperance Times.
 C.* Metropolitan Water Board Minutes.
 C.* H.* Musical Herald.
 S.* Nation in Arms.
 C.* National Deposit Friendly Society's Journal.
 C.*S.*H.* National Home Reading Union Magazine.
 C. National Review.
 C.*S.*H.* National Service Journal.
 C.*S.*H.* New Church Magazine.
 C.*S.* Nonconformist Musical Journal.
 H. Nineteenth Century and After
 H.* Patents.
 C.* Printer's Register.
 C.*S.*H.* Railway Clerk.
 C.* Rural World.
 H.* St. Augustine's Parish Magazine.
 S.* St. Luke's Parish Magazine.
 C.* St. Mary's, Hornsey, Parish Magazine.
 C.*S.*H.* Sales and Wants Advertiser.
 C. School World.
 C.* Script Phonographic Journal.
 C.* State Correspondent.
 S. Studio.
 C.* Sugar Users' Journal.
 S.* Temperance Times.
 C.* Vulvan.
 S.* Wheatsheaf.
 C.* White Ribbon.
 C.*S.*H.* Woodworker.
 C.* Zoophilist.

QUARTERLY.

- C.*S.*H.* Anti-Slavery Reporter.
 C. Geographical Teacher.
 C.* Herald of the Golden Age
 C. Hibbert Journal.

RAILWAY TIME TABLES.

- C.*S.*H.* A.B.C. Railway Guide.
 C.*S.*H.* Bradshaw's Railway Guide.
 C.*S.*H.* Caledonian.
 C.* Cambrian.
 H.* Glasgow and South Western.
 C.*S.*H.* Great Central.
 C.*S.*H.* Great Eastern.
 C.*S.*H.* Great Northern.
 C.*S.*H.* Great Western.
 C.*S.*H.* London and North Western.
 C.*S.*H.* London and South Western.
 C.*S.*H.* London, Brighton and South Coast.
 C.*S.*H.* Midland.
 C.*S.*H.* North British.
 C.*S.*H.* North Eastern.
 C.*S.*H.* South Eastern, Chatham and Dover.
 C.* L.C.C.'s Workmen's Trains and Trams.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year to 31st March, 1908.

RECEIPTS—			PAYMENTS—			Total.		
	Central.	Stroud Green.		Central.	Stroud Green.		Highgate.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Fines and Bspoken Books ...	98 18 7	44 18 4	Balance overdrawn, 1st April, 1907	...	...	7 11 1	...	...
Subscriptions from Non-Residents ...	— — —	— — —	New Books ...	97 14 11	47 15 11	191 5 5	45 14 7	...
Borrowers' Replacements and Damages ...	2 2 7	1 2 5	Newspapers and Periodicals ...	24 12 3	17 4 4	61 2 8	19 6 1	...
Sale of Papers and Waste Paper ...	3 11 2	3 4 8	Printing and Stationery ...	30 1 0	9 18 9	49 12 3	9 12 6	...
Bookmark Advertisements ...	53 17 0	36 10 0	Binding Books ...	30 13 3	14 2 2	64 4 6	19 9 1	...
Sale of Catalogues ...	3	— — —	Bookmark Advertisements ...	46 2 6	31 7 10	108 10 9	31 0 5	...
Replacement of Infected Books ...	12 5 6	7 3 4	Coal, Coke and Firewood ...	36 10 0	15 5 2	63 8 3	11 13 1	...
Sales of Readers' Reviews ...	1 19 8	1 1 3	Lighting ...	61 13 3	31 6 8	129 18 5	36 18 6	...
Binding Books, Scholars' Libraries ...	6 9 7	— — —	Rates, Taxes, Insurance and Water ...	39 14 1	21 6 9	84 3 8	23 2 10	...
Sale of old Gas Chimneys, etc. ...	7 10	— — —	Repairs and Renewal ...	7 13 6	1 0 10	9 19 9	1 5 5	...
	179 12 2	94 0 0	Wiring, Painting, etc. ...	34 0 0	— — —	34 0 0	— — —	...
Contribution from Borough Fund, $\frac{1}{2}$ year to 30th Sep., 1907			Cleaning ...	30 12 7	30 13 3	89 19 7	28 13 9	...
Do. $\frac{1}{4}$ year to 31st Mar., 1908			Salaries and Wages ...	625 1 6	149 3 0	950 7 6	176 3 0	...
Arrears of Rate collected to 31st March, 1907 ...	...	...	Establishment Charges and Petty Cash ...	19 2 10	6 9 11	32 2 8	6 9 11	...
	...	...	Readers' Review, Advertisements ...	3 8 9	— — —	3 8 9	— — —	...
			
Balance overdrawn, 31st March, 1908	...	...	Interest on and Instalments of Loans	1,087 0 5	375 14 7	1,879 15 3	409 9 2	...
	...	...		449 3 10	314 8 7	1,089 8 10	325 16 5	...
			
				£1,536 4 3	690 3 2	2,969 4 1	735 5 7	...

BARROW FISH, Borough Treasurer.

7th April, 1908.



BOROUGH OF HORNSEY.

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE.

1908-9

BOROUGH OF HORNSEY.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE.

Elected for the year from 9th November, 1908, to
9th November, 1909.

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TENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Hornsey.

SIR AND GENTLEMEN,

The Members of the Public Libraries Committee have pleasure in submitting their Tenth Annual Report, which deals with the work of the Libraries during the year ended the 31st March, 1909.

Stock.—The total stock of the three Libraries is now 32,118 volumes, an increase of 350 upon the total of last year. New books to the number of 761 were added by purchase or donation, and of the 637 volumes withdrawn as worn out, 226 were replaced by new copies. A number of carefully selected books in the French and German languages have been added to the Central Lending Library, and are evidently much appreciated by the public, judging by the increased issue of books in that class of literature.

A detailed classification of the stock is given in Table 1.

Issues.—The total issues during the year amount to 277,416, as against 292,062 in the previous year. The Central Library has now been open to the public since October 23rd, 1899, a period of 9½ years; Stroud Green Branch Library since January 28th, 1901, and Highgate Branch Library since June 16th, 1902, and since those dates 2,881,993 volumes have been issued. This total shows that the stock of the Libraries has been turned over about 90 times, and that, upon the present estimated population, each inhabitant of the Borough has borrowed 32 volumes.

Borrowers' Tickets.—The number of Borrowers' Tickets in force on the 31st March, 1909, was 13,184, as against 13,475 last year. After deducting 3,100 Non-Fiction tickets, which are duplicates, a total remains of 10,084 Borrowers on the registers of the Lending Libraries. Based on the present estimated population, i.e., 90,814—this shows that over 11 per cent. of the inhabitants of Hornsey hold tickets entitling them to borrow from the Lending Libraries.

Infectious Disease.—During the year 330 notifications of infectious disease were received from the Medical Officer of Health. Borrowers resided in 93 of the houses reported upon, and 84 volumes were taken by the Sanitary Authority and replaced by new copies.

Donations.—The Committee have tendered their cordial thanks to the Donors of books, periodicals, pictures, etc., mentioned in the lists appended to this report.

Lectures.—The following Lectures have been delivered at the Central Library during the winter months:—

Date.	Lecturer.	Subject.
1908.		
Oct. 7th.—R. Storry Deans, Esq.		"The History and Humours of Trial by Jury."
Nov. 11th.—L. Stanley Jast, Esq.		*"The Fascination of the Dictionary."
Dec. 9th.—A. C. Dabbs, Esq.		*"Bruges, the City of Grass-grown Streets."
1909.		
Jan. 6th.—W. S. Glyn-Jones, Esq., M.C.C.		*"Local Government in Middlesex."
Feb. 10th.—H. E. Piggott, Esq., M.A., Ph.D.		"Robinson Crusoe in the Home and School."
Mar. 10th.—E. W. Maples, Esq., M.A., LL.D.		"Early Customs."

* These Lectures were illustrated by means of the Lantern.

The Lectures have been attended by appreciative audiences numbering from 180 to 400 persons.

The Committee have expressed their cordial thanks to those gentlemen who have so freely given their services as Lecturers, and to Mr. Bishop, of Stroud Green, for acting as Lanternist and providing the lantern and gas free of cost for the Lectures on November 11th, December 9th, 1908, and January 6th, 1909.

School Libraries.—The issues from the Scholars' Libraries (which are not included in the total issues from the Libraries) amount to 28,964, which, after excluding the Higher Elementary School (transferred to the Middlesex County Council), shows an increase of 6,101 upon the total of last year. The number of books in stock has been increased by 590, being now 2,546.

Table 3 gives particulars of each School Library.

During the summer holidays the books in each Library were examined and 230 volumes were repaired by the Public Libraries Staff. 294 volumes were re-bound, and 23 volumes withdrawn as being worn out.

Readers' Review.—The arrangement which the Committee made with the National Home Reading Union to issue the "Readers' Review" as the local Magazine of the Libraries was

not so successful as the Committee had anticipated. They, therefore, resolved to discontinue their subscription after the issue of the number in January last.

Bookmarks and Periodical Covers.—Two editions of the Bookmark have been issued for each Library during the year, and the Committee were successful in obtaining sufficient advertisements to cover the cost of printing the Bookmarks and to leave a surplus, which has been applied in making additions to the stock of books.

Similarly, new Periodical Covers have been provided for the periodicals in the various Reading Rooms, their cost also being covered by the amount realised by advertisements.

Library Association Conference.—The Borough Librarian attended the 31st Annual Conference of the Library Association held at Brighton during the week commencing the 24th August, 1908, and afterwards submitted to the Committee a report on the proceedings and papers. It is pleasing to record that the Librarian has been elected a Member of the Executive Council of the Library Association for the current year.

Staff.—At the examination of the Library Association held on London in May, 1908, Mr. H. G. Sureties, of the Highgate Branch Library, passed in Cataloguing, and Mr. Sidney Kirby, of the Central Library, passed in Library History, Foundation and Equipment.

Mr. Kirby, who occupied the position of Senior Assistant at the Central Library, left the service of the Town Council on the 31st July, 1908, to take up a similar position at the Wood Green Public Library, and Mr. Sydney W. Kitchener, First Junior Assistant at the Central Library, was appointed as Senior Assistant in his place.

CENTRAL LIBRARY.

Stock.—The total number of volumes in the Central Library is now 17,157, an increase of 46 upon the total of last year. The number of volumes withdrawn was slightly larger than last year, being 388 as against 356. Of these 64 were replaced by new copies, and 370 new books were added by purchase or donation. 507 volumes were re-bound during the year.

Issues.—The number of volumes issued from this Library during the year amount to 144,917, as against 156,193 in the previous year, a daily average of 535. The percentage of fiction issued is practically the same as last year, being 60.01 against 59.53. Fines numbering 11,624 and amounting to £93 16s. 9d. have been paid during the year, 1,428 postal notices sent requesting the return of overdue books, and 11 volumes lost or damaged have been paid for by their Borrowers.

Borrowers' Tickets.—On March 31st, 1909, 7,051 Borrowers' Tickets were in force, a decrease of 112 from last year's total. Of these, 5,007 were ordinary tickets, 1,712 non-fiction tickets, and 332 Scholars' tickets.

STROUD GREEN BRANCH LIBRARY.

Stock.—There have been 235 new books added to the stock of this Branch Library during the year, while 204 volumes were withdrawn, 160 of which were replaced by new copies, making a total of 7,559 volumes now in stock, an increase of 171 upon last year's total. 408 volumes have been re-bound during the year.

Issues.—The decrease in the number of books issued during the year amounts to 4,092, principally in the classes of Fiction, Juvenile and Reference Works. The total number issued was 69,393, a daily average of 257, as against 73,485, and a daily average of 276 of last year. The percentage of works of fiction issued shows a slight increase, being 68.69 against 66.75. Fines numbering 5,562, and amounting to £42 5s. 5d., have been paid, 461 overdue notices sent out, and 7 books lost were paid for by their Borrowers.

Borrowers' Tickets.—The number of Borrowers' Tickets in force on March 31st, 1909, was 3,201, a decrease of 228 from last year's total. 2,380 of these were ordinary tickets, 757 non-fiction, and 64 Scholars' tickets.

HIGHGATE BRANCH LIBRARY.

Stock.—The number of volumes now in this Branch Library is 7,402, an increase of 113 volumes. 156 new books have been

added, while 45 have been withdrawn, 2 of which were replaced by new copies. 430 volumes were re-bound during the year.

Issues.—The issues from this Branch Library have been well maintained during the year, the number being 63,106 against 62,384 of last year, the daily average being 235. The percentage of works of fiction issued shows a slight increase, being 65.01 against 64.31. Fines numbering 5,706 and amounting to £46 14s. 4d. have been paid during the year. 356 overdue notices sent out, and 2 books lost by Borrowers paid for.

Borrowers' Tickets.—The number of tickets now in force stands at 2,932, an increase of 49 upon last year's total. 2,194 of these are ordinary tickets, 631 non-fiction tickets, and 107 issued to Scholars.

W. W. KELLAND,
Chairman.

April 23rd, 1909.

TABLE 1. The Stock of the Libraries on March 31st, 1909.

	Central Lending.	Central Reference.	Stroud Green.	Highgate.	Total
Science	1,029	216	399	568	2,212
Useful Arts	674	147	304	333	1,458
Fine and Recreative Arts	706	117	391	401	1,615
Social Science	675	376	315	299	1,665
Philosophy and Religion	836	37	308	366	1,547
History and Travel ...	1,982	478	1,087	1,039	4,586
Biography	1,300	158	875	826	3,159
Language and Literature	625	217	231	245	1,318
Poetry and the Drama ...	639	17	390	325	1,371
Prose Fiction	4,104	9	2,469	2,274	8,856
Juvenile Literature ...	1,245	—	525	534	2,304
Miscellaneous Literature	1,215	355	238	152	1,960
Reference Works at Branches	—	—	27	40	67
	<u>15,030</u>	<u>2,127</u>	<u>7,559</u>	<u>7,402</u>	<u>32,118</u>

TABLE 2. The number of Books issued from the Libraries from the 1st of April, 1908, to the 31st March, 1909.

	Central Lending.	Central Reference.	Stroud Green.	Highgate.	Total
Science	3,832	554	1,356	1,858	7,600
Useful Arts	2,857	531	867	1,106	5,361
Fine and Recreative Arts	4,020	440	1,813	1,734	8,007
Social Science	1,914	456	855	872	4,097
Philosophy and Religion	2,539	226	852	815	4,432
History and Travel ...	6,669	716	3,097	3,396	13,878
Biography	3,431	462	2,068	2,293	8,254
Language and Literature	2,917	333	554	754	4,558
Poetry and the Drama ...	2,703	238	1,239	1,120	5,300
Prose Fiction	86,974	50	47,667	41,031	175,722
Juvenile Literature ...	17,362	—	7,241	6,421	31,024
Miscellaneous Literature	4,525	1,168	1,093	768	7,554
Reference Works at Branches	—	—	691	938	1,629
	<u>139,743</u>	<u>5,174</u>	<u>69,393</u>	<u>63,106</u>	<u>277,416</u>
Daily Average	518	17	257	235	1,027

TABLE 3. The number of Borrowers from the Scholars' Libraries in each of the Schools, the number of volumes in stock, the number of volumes issued, the weekly average, and the number of volumes borrowed from the Public Libraries.

School.	No. of Borrowers.	Vols. in Stock.	Vols. Issued.	Weekly Average.	From the Public Libraries
Campsbourne ...	343	537	7,881	226	23
North Harringay ...	327	489	6,085	160	119
South Harringay ...	250	247	6,138	166	102
Crouch End ...	289	390	2,842	84	1
Highgate ...	80	380	1,561	36	4
Stroud Green ...	298	412	2,512	62	59
St. James's, Muswell Hill	91	91	1,945	45	42
	1,678	2,546	28,964	779	341

LIST OF DONORS OF BOOKS.

Atchley, H. W., London.	Lister, W. B., Hornsey.
Belfast, Queen's College.	London Directory Company.
Blackney, James, Stroud Green.	London University.
Brackenbury, Councillor H. B., Stroud Green.	Macdonald, Messrs., and Co., Edinburgh.
Brett, J. H., Stroud Green.	Marcham, F., Hornsey.
British and Foreign Unitarian Association.	Marsden, Rev. R., Stroud Green.
British Museum Trustees.	Metson, G., Crouch End.
Carey, J. L., Hornsey.	Milroy, Miss H., Hornsey.
Chapman, Mrs. M., Hornsey.	National Boiler and Insurance Co., Manchester.
Church of Christ, Scientist.	National Union of Teachers.
City and Guilds of London Institute.	Newcastle-on-Tyne, Armstrong College.
College of Preceptors, London.	Paton, Messrs. J. and J., London.
Commonwealth of Australia.	Potter, G., Highgate.
Durham University College of Medicine.	Richards, E. Grant, London.
Fincham, H. W., Hornsey.	Ronaldshay, Earl of, London.
Fisher, C., Harringay.	Sands, Messrs., London.
Fox, Miss A., Stroud Green.	Scharren, H., Harringay.
Frankenstein, S. M., Stroud Green.	Schooling, J. H., London.
Frowde, H., London.	Simpkin, Marshall, Messrs., London.
Glasgow University.	Simpson, W., Stockport.
King's College, London.	Smith, J. O., London.
Kitchener, Sydney W., Hornsey.	Tompkins, H., Hornsey.
Layton, Messrs. C. and E., London.	Vincent, N., Muswell Hill.
Leeds University.	Whitaker, Messrs. J. and Son, London.
Liebbrand, Dr. C. H., Bowes Park.	Wootton, F. R., Crouch End.
	Wynne, Miss, Highgate.

The Town Clerks of the following places sent illustrated guides to same:—

Basingstoke, Beckenham, Berwick-on-Tweed, Bexhill, Blackpool, Bournemouth, Brighton, Broadstairs, Canterbury, Carnarvon, Castletown (I.O.M.), Cheltenham, Chepstow, Chester, Chichester, Clacton, Clifton, Croydon, Deal, Dovercourt, Dumfries, Dunbar, Ealing, East Grinstead, Eastbourne, Elgin, Exeter, Falmouth, Finchley, Folkestone, Fulham, Gloucester, Great Yarmouth, Guernsey, Hampton Court, Hartlepool, Hastings, Herne Bay, Hitchin, Horsham, Ilfracombe, Ilkley, Inverness, Jersey, Killarney, Kingston-on-Thames, Leamington, Lewes, Llandudno, Londonderry, Lossiemouth, Lowestoft, Lyndhurst, Malvern, Margate, North Berwick, Pickering, Plymouth, Poole, Portrush, Pwllheli, Ramsgate, Reigate and Redhill, Rhyl, Richmond-on-Thames, Richmond (Yorks), Scarborough, Seaford, Sheringham, Skegness, Southend-on-Sea, Southgate, Southport, Southsea, Southwold, Stirling, Stratford-on-Avon, Sudbury, Surbiton, Sutton Coldfield, Tenby, Torquay, Tynemouth Uxbridge, Weston-super-Mare, Weymouth, Whitby, Whitley Bay, Wick, Windermere, Wood Green, Woodford, Woodhall Spa, York.

Library Magazines or Reports have been received from the following Libraries :—

Aberdeen, Accrington, Acton, Aston Manor, Barrow-in-Furness, Birmingham, Blackburn, Blackpool, Bolton, Bootle, Bournemouth, Bristol, Bromley (Kent), Cambridge, Cambridge University, Cardiff, Chorley, Cork, Croydon, Darlington, Derby, Dundee, Ealing, Eccles, Folkestone, Gloucester, Hanley, Hove, Kensal Rise, Kettering, Kidderminster, Kilburn, Kingston-on-Thames, Leeds, Leicester, Leyton, Lincoln, London—Battersea, Cripplegate, Finsbury, Hammersmith, St. Brides', Shoreditch, Stoke Newington, Wandsworth, Westminster—, Maidenhead, Middlesborough, Montrose, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Newcastle-under-Lyne, Norwich, Nottingham, Penarth, Perth, Plymouth, Port Elizabeth (S.A.), Portsmouth, Preston, Richmond, Rochdale, Rothwell, St. Helens, Salem (U.S.A.), Salford, South Shields, Sunderland, Tottenham, Twickenham, Tynemouth, Walthamstow, Watford, West Bromwich, West Hartlepool, Wigan, Widnes, Willesden, Wolverhampton, Worcester, Workington, Yarmouth, York.

DONORS OF PERIODICAL PUBLICATIONS.

Baker, Miss E. M., North Finchley.	Metropolitan Water Board.
British Women's Temperance Association.	National Service League.
Chamberlin, D. J., Crouch End.	Rendle, Miss B. M., Stroud Green.
Craig, J. A., Muswell Hill.	Sherlock, F., Hornsey.
Edmonton Guardians.	Stevens, Mrs., Highgate.
Godward, L. C., Stroud Green.	Stubbs, Miss G. E., Highgate.
Hornsey Branch of the Independent	Tessier, C. F. G., Wood Green.
Labour League.	Tompkins, H., Hornsey.
Jackson, Miss K., Highgate.	Toyne, J. J., Highgate.
Johnston, T., Hornsey.	Wentworth, Miss J., Hornsey.
Kelland, Alderman W. W., Highgate.	Whyte, J. F., Highgate.
Kitchener, S. W., Hornsey.	And the proprietors and publishers of
Lindsay, Miss, Highgate.	various periodicals.

DONORS OF PICTURES.

Brittain, A. C., Weston Park, Hornsey.—Framed portraits of the Duke of Wellington, Sir Walter Scott, and Alderman William Thompson, with letter accompanying same. Framed engraving of Sir David Wilkie's painting, "The Village Festival."

His Worship the Mayor of Hornsey (Councillor E. A. Ebbelwhite, J.P., F.S.A.).—Three copies of a photograph, View of Old Hornsey Church, from the oil painting presented by him to the Council.

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS.

The Newspapers, Periodicals, and Times Tables marked * in the following lists are presented.

Abbreviations used:—C., Central Library; S., Stroud Green; H., Highgate.

DAILY.

C. S. H. Daily Chronicle.	C.*S.*H.* Islington Gazette.
C.* Daily Express.	S. Morning Post.
H. Daily Graphic.	S. Pall Mall Gazette.
C. H.* Daily News.	C.* Parliamentary Debates.
C. S. Daily Telegraph.	H. Standard.
C. Evening Standard and St.	C. S. H. Times.
James's Gazette.	C. S. H. Westminster Gazette.
H. Globe.	

WEEKLY.

C. Academy.	C. S. H. Athenæum.
C. Amateur Gardening.	C.*S.*H.* Australasian World.
C.*S.*H.* Aspirant.	S.* Autocar.

- C. Bookseller.
 C.* British Architect.
 C.* H. Builder.
 C.* Canada.
 S.* Catholic Fireside.
 S.* Catholic Times.
 C.*S.*H.* Christian.
 C.* Christian Commonwealth.
 C.* Christian World.
 C.* Civil Service Candidate.
 C.*S.*H.* Civil Service Competitor.
 C.*S.* Civil Service Hints.
 C.*S.*H.* Civil Service Weekly.
 C.* Civilian.
 C.* H.* Clarion.
 C.*S.*H.* Commercial Motor.
 C.*S.*H.* Cycling.
 C.* Education.
 C.* Electrical Engineering.
 C.* Electrician.
 C.* Engineer.
 C.*S.*H.* Engineering Markets.
 C.* English Mechanic.
 C. S. H. Exchange and Mart (C. Fridays, S. Wednesdays, H. Mondays).
 C.* Finchley Press.
 C.*S.*H.* Gardener's Magazine.
 H. Gardening.
 H. Graphic.
 S.* Great Thoughts.
 C.* Guardian.
 C.*S.*H.* Hampstead and Highgate Express.
 C.*S.*H.* Holloway and Hornsey Press.
 C.*S.*H.* Hornsey Journal.
 C.* Illustrated Official Journal of Patents.
 C.* India.
 C.*S.*H.* Islington News.
 C.*S.*H.* Labour Leader.
 C. Lady's Field.
 S. Lady's Pictorial.
 C.* Laundry Journal.
 C.* Local Government Journal.
 C.*S.*H.* Local Government Officer.
 H.* Monitor.
 S.* Montreal Weekly Witness.
 C.*S.*H.* Motor.
 C.*S.*H.* Motor Boat.
 C.* Motor Traction.
 C.*S.*H.* Municipal Gazette.
 C.* Municipal Journal.
 C.* Muswell Hill Record.
 S.* Natal Witness.
 S.* Nation.
 S.* Nation (American).
 C. Nature.
 C.* Newcastle Weekly Chronicle.
 C.* North London Advertiser.
 C.*S.*H.* North Middlesex Chronicle.
 S.* Notes and Queries.
 C.* Practical Engineer.
 C. S. H. Punch.
 H. Queen.
 C.* Railway News.
 C.*S.*H.* Railway Review.
 C.* Record.
 H. Saturday Review.
 C. H. Spectator.
 C.* Sphere.
 C.*S.*H.* Surveyor.
 C.* T.P.'s Weekly.
 S.* Tatler.
 C.*S.*H.* Temperance Chronicle.
 C. Truth.
 C.*S.*H.* Votes for Women.
 S.* Weekly Despatch.
 H.* Woman Worker.
 C.*S.*H.* Women's Franchise.
 C. S. H. Woodworker.
 S. Work.

FORTNIGHTLY.

- C.*S.*H.* Edmonton Guardians Minutes. C.* Metropolitan Water Board's Minutes.
 C.*S.*H.* University Correspondent.

MONTHLY.

- C.*S.*H.* Agricultural Economist.
 H. Albany Review.
 H.* All the World.
 C.* Arbitrator.
 C. Art Journal.
 C.* Canadian Life.
 C.*S.*H.* Clerk.
 C.* Conservative and Unionist.
 S. Contemporary Review.
 C.*S.*H.* Cook's Travellers' Gazette.
 C.*S.*H.* Delineator.
 C.*S.*H.* Dickensian.
 C.*S.*H.* Educational Times.
 C. Fortnightly Review.
 C.*S.*H.* Glad Tidings.
 C.*S.*H.* Great Western Railway Magazine.
 C.* Herald of the Cross.
 C.* Herald of Health.
 C.* Holy Trinity, Stroud Green, Parish Magazine.
 C.*S.*H.* Hornsey Town Council Minutes.
 C.*S.*H.* Humanitarian.
 C. Journal of Education.
 C.* Labour Gazette.
 C.* H.* Land and Labour.
 C.*S.*H.* London Crusader.
 C.*S.*H.* London Temperance Times.
 C.* H.* Musical Journal.
 C.* H.* Nation in Arms.
 C.* National Deposit Friendly Society's Journal.
 C. S. H. National Home Reading Union Magazine.
 C. National Review.
 C.*S.*H.* New Church Magazine.
 C.*S.* Nonconformist Musical Journal.
 H. Nineteenth Century and After.
 C.* One and All.
 S.* Positivist Review.
 C.* Printer's Register.
 C.*S.*H.* Railway Clerk.
 C.* Return of Deaths of Seamen issued by the Registrar General of Shipping.
 C.* Rural World.
 H.* St. Augustine's Parish Magazine.
 S.* St. Luke's Parish Magazine.
 C.* St. Mary's, Hornsey, Parish Magazine.
 C.*S.*H.* Sales and Wants Advertiser.
 C. School World.
 C.* Script Phonographic Journal.
 C.* State Correspondent.
 S. Studio.
 C.* Sugar Users' Journal.

S.*	Temperance Times.	C.*	White Ribbon.
C.*	Vulcan.	C.*	Wood Carving.
S.*	Wheatsheaf.	C.*S.*	Zoophilist.

QUARTERLY.

C.*S.*H.*	Anti-Slavery Reporter.	C.	Hibbert Journal.
C.	Geographical Teacher.	C.*	Patents.
C.*	Herald of the Golden Age.	S.	Science Progress.

RAILWAY TIME TABLES.

C. S. H.	A.B.C. Railway Guide.	C.*S.*H.*	London and South Western.
C. S. H.	Bradshaw's Railway Guide.	C.*S.*H.*	London, Brighton and South Coast.
C.*S.*H.*	Caledonian.	C.*S.*H.*	Midland.
C.*	Cambrian.	C.*S.*H.*	North British.
H.*	Glasgow and South Western.	C.*S.*H.*	North Eastern.
C.*S.*H.*	Great Central.	C.*S.*H.*	South Eastern, Chatham and Dover.
C.*S.*H.*	Great Eastern.	C.*	L.C.C.'s Workmen's Trains and Trams.
C.*S.*H.*	Great Northern.		
C.*S.*H.*	Great Western.		
C.*S.*H.*	London and North-Western.		



BOROUGH OF HORNSEY.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE.

1909-10.

BOROUGH OF HORNSEY.

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9th November, 1910.

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ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Hornsey.

SIR AND GENTLEMEN,

The Members of the Public Libraries Committee have pleasure in submitting their Eleventh Annual Report, dealing with the work of the Libraries during the year ended the 31st March, 1910.

Stock.—The total number of volumes in the stock of the three Libraries has been increased by only 122 during the year, as the Committee continues to withdraw a large number of books as they become worn out. During the year 1,253 volumes were withdrawn, 332 of which were replaced by new copies, the others being discarded, their places being taken by works of a higher class or of more recent date. In addition to these replacements, 1,043 new books were added, making the total number of volumes in stock 32,240, as against 32,118 of last year.

A detailed classification of the stock is given in Table 1.

Issues.—The total issues during the year amount to 259,869, as against 277,416 of last year. Mr. J. Duff Brown, in his "Manual of Library Economy," gives a series of averages and percentages based upon the issues of a large number of Libraries in Great Britain, and states that the average issue is 180 books for every 100 of the population. The issues from our Libraries during last year, although showing a decrease of 17,547 from the total of the previous year, still show that Hornsey is well above the average, issuing 281 books for every 100 inhabitants, and 24.79 books for every registered Borrower per annum, 2 books per month. The conclusion may therefore be drawn that more Borrowers are now retaining their books for the full time allowed, instead of exchanging them every few days.

Borrowers' Tickets.—Although the number of books issued shows a decrease, the number of Borrowers' Tickets in force shows an increase, being 13,800 as against 13,184 of last year. After deducting 3,321 Non-Fiction tickets, which are held by readers

already holding an ordinary ticket, a total remains on the registers of the Lending Libraries of 10,479. On the estimated population, i.e., 92,389, this shows that 11.34 per cent. of the inhabitants of Hornsey hold Borrower's tickets, while the percentage for Great Britain is 6 per cent.

Infectious Diseases.—During the year 353 notifications of infectious disease were received from the Medical Officer of Health. Borrowers resided in 53 of the houses reported upon, and 49 volumes were taken by the Sanitary Authority and replaced by new copies.

Donations.—The Committee have tendered their cordial thanks to the Donors of books, periodicals, etc., mentioned in the lists appended to this report. During the year Mr. George Potter has lent for exhibition at the Highgate Branch Library a series of Prints to illustrate the Samuel Johnson Bi-Centenary.

Lectures.—The following Lectures have been delivered at the Central Library during the winter months:—

1909.	Lecturer.	Subject.
Oct. 6th	C. H. Bedells, Esq. ...	"Old Hornsey."
Nov. 10th.	H. W. Fincham, Esq. ...	"Ely Cathedral, the Queen of the Marshlands."
Dec. 8th.	W. Pringle, Esq. ...	"Reminiscences of Spain."
Dec. 16th.	D. J. Chamberlin, Esq. ...	"Pictures and Conversation" (Special Lecture for Children).
1910.		
Feb. 9th.	R. W. Ramsay, Esq., F.R.S.L.	"A Great French Cathedral (Amiens) and its Story."
Mar. 9th.	Fred Turner, Esq., F.R.Hist.S.	"Homes and Haunts of Sir Walter Scott."

All the above Lectures were illustrated by means of the lantern.

The Lectures have been attended by appreciative audiences numbering from 300 to 500 persons. The Committee have expressed their cordial thanks to those gentlemen who have so freely given their services as Lecturers, and to Mr. Bishop, of Stroud Green, for providing and operating the lantern free of cost for the Lectures on four occasions.

Libraries and Schools.—The Libraries and Schools Subcommittee has held four meetings during the year and has compiled lists of suggested additions to the Educational and Juvenile sections of the Public Libraries, and the Scholars' Libraries and Teachers' Reference Libraries in the various Schools.

The issues from the Scholars' Libraries (which are not included in the total from the Public Libraries) show an increase

of 5,736 volumes, being 34,700 as against 28,964 of last year, a weekly average of 912. The number of books in stock is 2,672, an increase of 126 upon last year's total.

Table 3 gives particulars of each School Library.

During the summer holidays the books in each Library were examined, and 320 volumes were repaired by the Public Libraries Staff, and 263 volumes re-bound.

Loan Collection of Photographs.—The Committee has received from the North Middlesex Photographic Society 80 mounts containing photographs of Buildings and places of interest in the County of Middlesex to add to the collection already stored in the Reference Library. This collection now numbers nearly 300 Prints, all of which are mounted, catalogued, and freely available to the public for purposes of reference. Selections from the collection are exhibited in the corridor of the Central Library each month.

Library Association Conference.—Mr. George Potter and the Borough Librarian attended the 32nd Annual Conference of the Library Association held at Sheffield during the week commencing the 20th of September, 1909, and submitted to the Committee a Report on the Papers and Proceedings.

Library Assistants' Association.—The Library Assistants' Association, with the permission of the Committee, held their Monthly meeting in the Reference Room of the Central Library on Thursday, December 12th, 1909, when the proceedings consisted of a series of debates on six phases of Library Extension Work.

Staff.—At the examination of the Library Association held at the University of London, South Kensington, in June last, Mr. Montague Clark, of the Central Library, passed with merit in Literary History; Mr. Sydney W. Kitchener, of the Central Library, passed in Cataloguing; Mr. F. C. Dodd, of the Highgate Branch Library, passed in Library History, Foundation and Equipment, and in Library Routine; and Mr. Claude F. G. Tessier, of the Central Library, passed in Library History, Foundation and Equipment.

CENTRAL LIBRARY.

Stock.—The total number of volumes in the Central Library is now 17,061, a decrease of 96 from the total of last year, which is accounted for by the large number of worn-out volumes withdrawn from circulation, the number being 725 as against 388 of the previous year. Of these 152 were replaced by new copies, and 477 new books were added by purchase or donation. During the year 373 volumes were re-bound.

Issues.—The number of volumes issued from this Library during the year amount to 133,781, as against 144,917 in the previous year, a daily average of 502. The percentage of fiction issued is a little lower than last year, being 59.71 as against 60.01. Fines numbering 11,306 and amounting to £88 19s. 5d. have been paid during the year, 1,127 postal notices sent requesting the return of overdue books, and 19 volumes lost or damaged have been paid for by their Borrowers.

Borrowers' Tickets.—On March 31st, 1910, 7,733 Borrowers' Tickets were in force, an increase of 682 upon last year's total. Of these 5,240 are ordinary tickets, 1,888 non-fiction tickets, and 605 Scholars' tickets.

STROUD GREEN BRANCH LIBRARY.

Stock.—There have been 293 new books added to the stock of this Branch Library during the year, while 457 volumes were withdrawn, 140 of which were replaced by new copies, making a total of 7,535 volumes now in stock, a decrease of 24 from last year's total. During the year 365 volumes have been re-bound.

Issues.—The decrease in the number of books issued during the year was in the classes of Fiction and Juvenile, the issues in every other class having increased. The total number issued was 65,829, a daily average of 247, as against 69,393 and a daily average of 257 of last year. The percentage of works of fiction issued shows a decrease, being 65.90 against 68.69. Fines numbering 5,342 and amounting to £39 14s. 11d. have been paid, 420 overdue notices sent out, and 7 books lost were paid for by their Borrowers.

Borrowers' Tickets.—The number of Borrowers' Tickets in force on March 31st, 1910, was 3,179, a decrease of 22 from last year's total. 2,333 of these were ordinary tickets, 774 non-fiction, and 72 Scholars' tickets.

HIGHGATE BRANCH LIBRARY.

Stock.—The number of volumes now in this Branch Library is 7,644, an increase of 242 upon last year's total. 273 new books have been added, while 71 were withdrawn, 40 of which were replaced by new copies. During the year 197 volumes were rebound.

Issues.—The issues from this Branch Library during the year also show a decrease, the number being 60,259 against 63,106 of last year, the daily average being 227. This decrease has been fairly general in all classes, and the percentage of fiction issued shows a slight increase, being 66.49 against 65.01. Fines numbering 6,125 and amounting to £49 5s. 3d. have been paid during the year, 326 overdue notices sent out, and 3 books lost by Borrowers paid for.

Borrowers' Tickets.—The number of tickets now in force stands at 2,888, a decrease of 44 from last year's total. Of these 2,116 are ordinary tickets, 659 non-fiction tickets, and 113 issued to Scholars.

W. W. KELLAND,
Chairman.

April 22nd, 1910.

TABLE 1.—The Stock of the Libraries on March 31st, 1910.

	Central Lending.	Central Reference.	Stroud Green.	Highgate.	Total
Science	1,041	222	414	584	2,261
Useful Arts	678	147	303	341	1,469
Fine and Recreative Arts	711	119	398	421	1,649
Social Science	695	353	320	310	1,678
Philosophy and Religion	854	37	318	376	1,585
History and Travel ...	2,072	479	1,111	1,077	4,739
Biography	1,320	159	884	845	3,208
Language and Literature	710	231	236	286	1,463
Poetry and the Drama	652	18	441	332	1,443
Prose Fiction	3,757	9	2,341	2,343	8,448
Juvenile Literature ...	1,200	—	501	533	2,234
Miscellaneous Literature	1,219	378	241	154	1,992
Reference Works at Branches	—	—	27	42	69
	<u>14,909</u>	<u>2,152</u>	<u>7,535</u>	<u>7,644</u>	<u>32,240</u>

TABLE 2.—The number of Books issued from the Libraries from the 1st of April, 1909, to the 31st March, 1910.

	Central Lending.	Central Reference.	Stroud Green.	Highgate.	Total
Science	3,364	322	1,360	1,642	6,688
Useful Arts	2,360	387	952	966	4,665
Fine and Recreative Arts	3,497	444	1,811	1,648	7,400
Social Science	1,825	276	970	781	3,852
Philosophy and Religion	2,321	268	1,196	788	4,573
History and Travel ...	6,103	669	3,218	3,429	13,419
Biography	3,451	352	2,296	2,006	8,105
Language and Literature	2,966	335	627	944	4,872
Poetry and the Drama...	2,542	142	1,299	1,242	5,225
Prose Fiction	79,887	30	43,383	40,067	163,367
Juvenile Literature ...	17,553	—	7,015	5,444	30,012
Miscellaneous Literature	3,713	974	1,254	736	6,677
Reference Works at Branches	—	—	448	566	1,014
	<u>129,582</u>	<u>4,199</u>	<u>65,829</u>	<u>60,259</u>	<u>259,869</u>
Daily Average	488	14	247	227	976

TABLE 3.—The number of Borrowers from the Scholars' Libraries in each of the Schools, the number of volumes in stock, the number of volumes issued, the weekly average, and the number of volumes borrowed from the Public Libraries.

School.	No. of Borrowers.	Vols. in Stock.	Vols. Issued.	Weekly Average.	From the Public Libraries
Campsbourne	421	475	8,415	221	36
North Harringay	315	506	5,877	154	62
South Harringay	350	347	9,486	249	42
Crouch End	337	435	3,598	95	—
Highgate	95	380	1,670	44	—
Stroud Green	345	445	3,802	100	38
St. James's, Muswell Hill	65	84	1,852	49	25
St. Mary's, Hornsey ...	—	—	—	—	13
Hornsey School of Art ...	—	—	—	—	8
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NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS.

The Newspapers, Periodicals, and Time Tables marked * in the following lists are presented.

Abbreviations used:—C., Central Library; S., Stroud Green; H., Highgate.

DAILY.

C. S. H. Daily Chronicle.	H. Globe.
C.* Daily Express.	C.*S.*H.* Islington Gazette.
H. Daily Graphic.	S. Morning Post.
C. H.* Daily News.	S. Pall Mall Gazette.
C. S. Daily Telegraph.	H. Standard.
C. Evening Standard and St James's Gazette.	C. S. H. Times.
	C. S. H. Westminster Gazette.

WEEKLY.

C. Academy.	C.* Education.
C. Amateur Gardening.	C.* Electrical Engineering.
C.*S.*H.* Aspirant.	C.* Electrician.
C. S. H. Athenæum.	C. Engineer.
C.*S.*H.* Australasian World.	H.* English Churchman.
S.* Autocar.	C. English Mechanic.
C. Bookseller.	C. S. H. Exchange and Mart (C. Fridays, S. Wednesdays, H. Mondays).
C.* Bournemouth Visitors' Directory.	H.* Finchley Press.
C.* British Architect.	C.*S.*H.* Gardener's Magazine.
C. H. Builder.	H. Gardening.
C.* Canada.	H. Graphic.
S.* Catholic Fireside.	C.* Great Thoughts.
S.* Catholic Times.	C.* Guardian.
S.*H.* Christian.	C.*S.*H.* Hampstead and Highgate Express.
C.* Christian Commonwealth.	C.*S.*H.* Holloway and Hornsey Press.
C.* Christian World.	C.*S.*H.* Hornsey Journal.
C.* Church Times.	C.* Illustrated Official Journal of Patents.
C.* Civil Service Candidate.	C.* India.
C.*S.*H.* Civil Service Competitor.	C.*S.*H.* Islington News.
C.*S.* Civil Service Hints.	C.*S.* Labour Leader.
C.* Civilian.	C. Lady's Field.
C.*S.*H.* Clarion.	C. S. Lady's Pictorial.
C.*S.*H.* Clark's Weekly.	C.* Laundry Journal.
C.*S.*H.* Commercial Motor.	C.* Local Government Journal.
C.* Contractor's Record.	C.*S.*H.* Local Government Officer.
C.*S.*H.* County and City of London Observer.	
C.*S.*H.* Cycling.	

H.* Monitor.
 S.* Montreal Weekly Witness.
 C.*S.*H.* Motor.
 C.*S.*H.* Motor Boat.
 C.* H.* Motor Cycling.
 C.* Motor Traction.
 C.* Municipal Journal.
 C.* Muswell Hill Record.
 S.* Natal Witness.
 S.* Nation.
 S.* Nation (American).
 C.* Nature.
 C.* Newcastle Weekly Chronicle.
 H.* North London Advertiser.
 C.*S.*H.* North Middlesex Chronicle.
 S.* Notes and Queries.
 C.* Practical Engineer.
 C. S. H. Punch.
 H. Queen.

C.* Railway News.
 C.*S.*H.* Railway Review.
 C.* Record.
 H. Saturday Review.
 C. H. Spectator.
 C. Sphere.
 C.*S.*H.* Standard of Empire.
 C.*S.*H.* Surveyor.
 C.* T.P.'s Weekly.
 S. Tatler.
 C.*S.*H.* Temperance Chronicle.
 C. Truth.
 C.*S.*H.* Votes for Women.
 S.* Weekly Dispatch.
 H.* Woman Worker.
 H.* Woman's Franchise.
 C. H. Woodworker.
 S. Work.

FORTNIGHTLY.

C.*S.*H.* Edmonton Guardian's Minutes. C.* Metropolitan Water Board's
 C.*S.*H.* University Correspondent. Minutes.

MONTHLY.

C.*S.*H.* Agricultural Economist.
 H.* All Saints', Highgate, Parish
 Magazine.
 H.* All the World.
 C.* Animal's Friend.
 H.* Animal World.
 C.* Arbitrator.
 C. Art Journal.
 C.* Canadian Life.
 C.*S.*H.* Clerk.
 S. Conservative and Unionist.
 S. Contemporary Review.
 C.*S.*H.* Cook's Travellers' Gazette.
 C.*S.*H.* Delineator.
 C.*S.*H.* Dickensian.
 C.*S.*H.* Educational Handwork.
 C.*S.*H.* Educational Times.
 C. Fortnightly Review.
 C.*S.*H.* Free Trader.
 C.*S.*H.* Glad Tidings.
 C.*S.*H.* Great Western Railway
 Magazine.
 C.* Herald of the Cross.
 C.* Herald of Health.
 C.* Holy Innocents' Hornsey,
 Parish Magazine.
 C.* Holy Trinity, Stroud Green,
 Parish Magazine.
 C.* Home.
 C.*S.*H.* Hornsey Town Council
 Minutes.
 C.*S.*H.* Humanitarian.
 C. Journal of Education.
 C.* Labour Gazette.
 C. Local Government Review.
 C.*S.*H.* London Crusader.
 C.*S.*H.* London Temperance Times.
 C.* H.* Musical Herald.
 C.*S.*H.* Nation in Arms.
 C.* National Deposit Friendly
 Society's Journal.
 C. S. H. National Home Reading
 Union Magazine.
 C. National Review.
 C.*S.*H.* New Church Magazine.
 C. H. Nineteenth Century and After.
 S.* Nonconformist Musical Journal.
 C.* One and All.
 C.*S.*H.* Positivist Review.
 C.* Printer's Register.
 C.*S.*H.* Railway Clerk.
 C.* Return of Deaths of Seamen
 Issued by the Registrar
 General of Shipping.
 C.* Rural World.
 H.* St. Augustine's Parish
 Magazine.
 C.*S.* St. Luke's Parish Magazine.
 C.* St. Mary's, Hornsey, Parish
 Magazine.
 C.*S.*H.* Sales and Wants Advertiser.
 C. School World.
 C.* Script Phonographic Journal.
 C.* State Correspondent.
 S. II. Studio.
 C.* Vulcan.
 C.*S.*H.* Wheatsheaf.
 C.*S.* White Ribbon.
 C.* Wood Carving.
 C.*S.* Zoophilist.

QUARTERLY.

C.*S.*H.* Anti-Slavery Reporter. C. Hibbert Journal.
 C. Geographical Teacher. C.* Patents.
 C.* Herald of the Golden Age. S. Science Progress.

RAILWAY TIME TABLES.

C. S. H. A. B. C. Railway Guide.
 C. S. H. Bradshaw's Railway Guide.
 C.*S.*H.* Caledonian.
 C.* Cambrian.
 H.* Glasgow and South Western.
 C.*S.*H.* Great Central.
 C.*S.*H.* Great Eastern.
 C.*S.*H.* Great Northern.
 C.*S.*H.* Great Western.
 C.*S.*H.* London and North-Western.
 C.*S.*H.* London and South-Western.
 C.*S.*H.* London, Brighton, and South
 Coast.
 C.*S.*H.* Midland.
 C.*S.*H.* North British.
 C.*S.*H.* North Eastern.
 C.*S.*H.* South Eastern, Chatham and
 Dover.
 C.* L. C. C.'s Workmen's Trains
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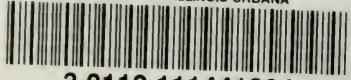
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